

# FIRST THINGS

A Newsletter of the First Baptist  
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## THE CALL FOR EVANGELISM Reverend C. Nadir Powell



Would you agree that we are living in some times of trouble? We really are. There are economic challenges, social and racial injustice, Healthcare struggles, political polarization where there's division, separation, opposition between political groups and groups of people. In addition, there's voters suppression, and distrust in the government, gun violence, educational systems are struggling because of certain mandates coming from the administration in Washington DC, fundings are being cut which is destroying organizations who seek to help marginalized or oppressed

people, government jobs are being snatched away, there are homelessness, drug addiction crisis, taxes are going up, and the prices of food has gone up. Even worse, there's a spiritual crisis in America, meaning there's a decline or a lack of belief in God.

Christianity has seen a decline from 2007 to the present. The Pew Research Center reported that in 2007, Christian believers were about 78% of the population. By 2014 believers dropped to 71%. From 2023 to 2024 believers dropped to 62% showing a 16% drop. Using the method that they use to determine these declines, the Pew Research Center anticipates by 2050, Christian believers will drop to 47% and will continue to drop if something doesn't change. Looking at this, there should be some concern when it comes to

For those who do not feel comfortable with in person worship, Rev. Powell will continue to do service via conference call at 11:00am (862)799-9132. If this line is busy, please dial (520)420-9085 and you will be prompted to put in the original number. If you would like to watch it on Facebook, that will also be available at 11:00 am on:

[www.Facebook.com/FirstBaptistChurchTrentonNJ](http://www.Facebook.com/FirstBaptistChurchTrentonNJ)

You can now follow Rev. Powell's sermon on Instagram at **calvinnadir** and YouTube channel @First Baptist Church Trenton NJ - please subscribe to that channel



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the church because a life void of God will result an increase of hopelessness, moral decline, weakened communities, rise in anxiety and fear, people will become less resilient to deal with the struggles of life, people will become more reliant on themselves, or materials and the list goes on. In a nutshell, people won't be able to press through the many plights that life presents them with without having a relationship with God who empower those who trust Him. Sadly, without God, many people will perish. This being the case, to combat this decline, there is a call for the church to increase their evangelism to spread the word of God. No longer can we be comfortable where we sit tight within our edifices on Sunday where we worship God and think that's enough. I believe we have to return to some of the 1<sup>st</sup> century practices where we go into the neighborhoods or our communities so we can have personal conversations with people about our God. We must meet the people where they are and tell them

about the goodness of God. Don't get me wrong, using social media as a means for ministry is great, but it's not personal. There are those who need to have a personal encounter as we share our testimonies that gives reason to why we have such a hope in God and why they too should have hope in Him. Our testimonies give them evidence that God is real, but also our testimonies tell the story about a God that's nothing is impossible for Him to do and what ever it is they may be going through. If we the church increase our visibility in our communities where we proclaim the gospel, maybe the numbers of believers will increase. If we do, we'll be carrying out the Great Commission that Jesus told us to do in Matthew 28:19-20 which reads, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age." The

question is, what are we going to do?



## **A Father's Love**

His days and nights were much the same  
For he knows he has to do whatever it takes  
Sacrificing his life for his children's sake  
Even though his body ached with pain

Never once does he complain  
Even when things looked bleak  
He endured the pain in order to gain  
For a better situation he does seek

For He holds on to his pride  
Restraining tears from his eyes  
Not knowing his child's fate  
Yet he smiles and press on as if everything is still fine

For there's something deep inside  
That gives him the drive  
Where giving up is not an option

Because he wants his  
children to survive

For he refuses to give up  
So, when things get too  
rough, he knows to look  
up

For there is a Higher  
Power, God Almighty  
who empowers from  
above

The true foundation of a  
father's love

BY REV. C. NADIR  
POWELL



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **POSTAGE**

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Thank you in advance.

### **Capital City Dinner Outreach**

On Wednesday, June 11 & 25 from 6-7 pm, First Baptist and NextGen Capital City will host our Dinner Church. This is a ministry that will allow those in the community, who do not come out to our traditional Sunday service, to fellowship with one another while having dinner. Please invite the community to this exciting outreach. This

dinner/church will be the second and fourth Wednesday of every month. This will be a first come, first serve due to seating limitations. If seating is full upon arrival, you will be given a takeout meal.

### **Church Membership**

If you are seeking a new church home at First Baptist or have decided to be baptized, please seek out Rev. Powell after service.

### **Senior Ministry**

Rev. Powell will provide senior ministry worship every third Sunday, 2pm, at Hamilton Grove. JUNE WILL BE THE 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY

### **Bible Study**

Please join us for First Baptist Church Bible Study every Thursday in person or on Zoom at 7:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6422997007?pwd=TWZhVZVcrQ2JaZHVuRmhmXUW1BWXd4QT09>

Meeting ID: 642 299 7007

Passcode: 725056

If you would like to call in via phone, please dial 862-799-9132

When prompted enter:

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### **Newsletter**

We would love to have more people contribute, articles, poems, stories, news, etc. to our newsletter. All information is due by **15th** of each month. Please email information to [fbctsecy@yahoo.com](mailto:fbctsecy@yahoo.com)

### **Conference Prayer Call**

Our conference call prayer line has started. Each Monday at 6:30 am, you will be able to join Reverend Powell on a conference call as he offers prayer. What a great way to start your weekday. Just dial **(862)799-9132**. If this line is busy, please dial. **(267)807-9605**, the access code is 365513. Remember, prayer is power.

### **Donations**

You can mail your offerings in the form of a check directly to our Financial Secretary, James Russo at 44 St Clair Ave, Hamilton, NJ 08619.

We are now accepting donations through CASHAPP. Please use the link below, type into your browser or download the app

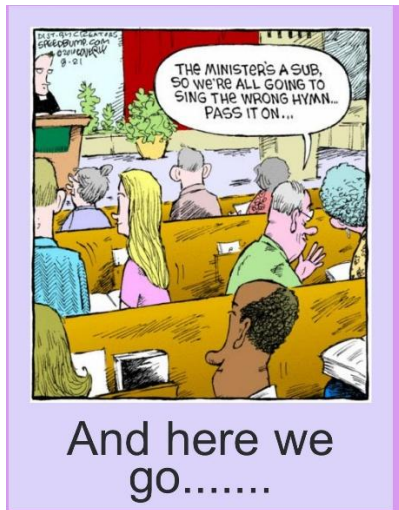
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You will see the name Alicia Johnson (she is the secretary in charge of this site). We thank you in advance for your kind donation. God bless you and stay healthy.

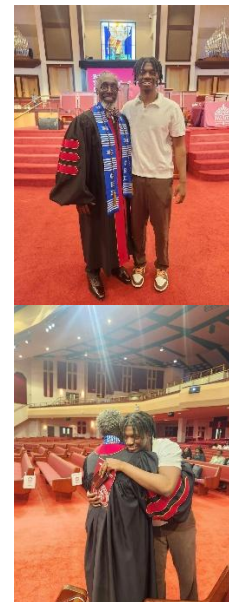
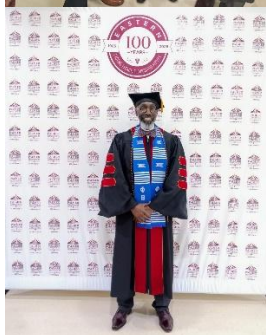
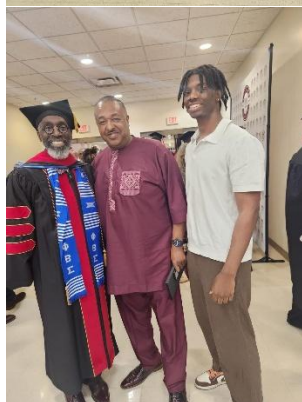
### **Food Pantry**

We are always looking for donations for the food pantry. Due to safety and food preservation, we can only accept canned goods. Please leave donations in the box right inside the sanctuary door.






## PICTURES FROM REV. POWELL'S GRADUATION!



## You're Invited!

Get ready for an unforgettable experience at the 2025 Biennial Mission Summit, kicking off on Thursday afternoon, July 3, 2025! From July 3 to July 6, we have a fantastic lineup of events and activities planned just for you. Be sure to check the schedule— we can't wait for you to experience all the wonderful happenings in 2025, and we don't want you to miss a single moment!

<https://web.cvent.com/event/2e3d1455-d0aa-4949-a709-24e360442a7a/summary>

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