

FIRST THINGS

A Newsletter of the First Baptist
Church of Trenton

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BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE Reverend Dr. C. Nadir Powell



As many of you already know, we are living in some peculiar times. We are living in a time where there's wars, rumors of war, political unrest, civil unrest, injustice, hate, threat to senior citizen health aides, threat to assistance for people in need and the list goes on. Again, we are living in some peculiar times where some have become so intimidated that they don't know what to do. They are intimidated because they don't know what lies in the future. From the way things look, we are headed for more destruction. Things don't look good and because of this, more and more people are becoming hopeless, discouraged, depressed and feel defeated. Truly, it's understandable that one would feel this way because again, when it comes to the future, we don't know

what to expect. We don't know what is next. But I want to say, as much as things may look bleak when it comes to the future, still there's a way to push through with confidence and strength. There is still a way to press through in power regardless of how things look. We're reminded of this in the book of Jude 1:20. He said, "20 But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit..." Yes, Jude reminds us, there's a way to press through when the pressure of life makes us question what the future holds. He reminds us to build ourselves up in our holy faith. Having faith is the only way that we'll be able to press forward in power when the future seems bleak. Faith is the key when it comes to pressing through hard times. Again, we must build ourselves up when it comes to our faith. How do we build ourselves up in faith. We build ourselves by praying daily, reading God's word,

Rev. Powell will continue to do service via conference call at 11:00am (862)799-9132 (10am (July-August). 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 (10am July – August) on:

[www.Facebook.com/FirstBaptistChurchTrentonNJ](https://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistChurchTrentonNJ) and

YouTube channel @First Baptist Church Trenton NJ - please subscribe to that channel

Instagram at **firstbaptistchurchtrentonnj** is on hold until further notice



10/19 Lauren Kase

10/26 Abigail Amutah

10/27 Blanca Lebron

meditate on God's word, learn God's word and fast. What I just named are called spiritual disciplines. If we exercise the spiritual disciplines, it will help build up our faith that has the ability to push through in power no matter what the future holds. Even more importantly, when we engage in doing these spiritual disciplines, it's the method for staying connected to God. It's the way we stay in relationship with our God who holds all power in His hands. By us staying connected to Him, God will empower us through the power of the Holy Spirit who helps, comforts, instruct, guides and provides. The bottom line is this, when we exercise spiritual disciplines, it will help to build up our faith which will help us to press forward no matter what the future holds. When we build up our faith, we are building for the future.



Trouble Doesn't Last Always

The avalanche of doubt continued to tumble down upon me

For I seemed to be trapped by the boulders of my troubles, will I ever be relieved Like a caged bird I long to be free

Waiting for someone to unlock my spiritual imprisonment with a key

How I wish it was all just a bad dream
Unfortunately, whether awake or asleep it's been an ongoing reality
For my troubles got me living in a seemingly hopeless guillotine
Seeking to shred my hopes of a life that's peaceful and serene

I'm tired of the trouble that keeps coming at me with such a deadly assault
For it seeks to stop my forward mobility like a sergeant commanding his troops to halt
Now I'm ready to escape this onslaught never again to get caught
Lord knows I'm looking for clearance from these negative thoughts

But then I was reminded of something that was tucked away in my heart
God is always there to help us when life troubles come at us like fiery darts
For if you just pray when your life seems like an unpredictable hurricane
Know that your breakthrough is only moments away because trouble doesn't last always

BY REV. DR. C. NADIR POWELL

ABCNJ

American Baptist Churches of New Jersey

2025 Annual Session - October 4, 2025

Delta Hotel Woodbridge
515 US-1 South, Iselin, NJ

Webinars - September 29-30, October 1, 2025

(Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday)

<https://americanbaptistchurchesofnj.regfox.com/abcnj-2025>



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

POSTAGE

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Thank you in advance.

Church Service

Services start at 11am with fellowship directly after. Church service will start at 10am for the months of July and August.

Capital City Dinner Outreach

On Wednesday, October 8 & 22 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 fourth Sunday, 2:30 pm, at Hamilton Grove.

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=TWWhVZVcrQ2JaZHVuRmhhUW1BWXd4Q>

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Meeting ID: 642 299 7007
Passcode: 725056
If you would like to call in via phone, please dial 862-799-9132
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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 fbtsecy@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 **Cash.app/\$firstbaptisttrenton**
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.

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Rev. Dr. C. Nadia Powell, Senior Pastor
Women of Faith Ministry Presents
★ 2nd Annual ★
Preachers GOT TALENT (PGT) Showcase ★
Preachers can do more than preach!
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025
Doors open at @4:30pm Showtime @5:00pm
For more information, tickets, and participation contact
Rev. Renee Powell @609-635-1395
Min. Lorie Fredericks @ 609-954-8727
Donation \$35 Proceeds Benefit our Scholarship Fund
CASHAPP: FIRSTBAPTISTTRENTON Indicate "WOW" in Note

EYE TEST



If you see this watermelon as:

- RED** - You are a normal person
- GREEN** - You are a bit odd
- BLUE** - You need to volunteer at church

American Baptist Churches USA Launches 2026 Cohorts for The Generosity Project

KING OF PRUSSIA (ABNS 9/4/25)—American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA) is

pleased to announce that a new cycle of regional cohorts for The Generosity Project will launch in January 2026. This initiative continues ABCUSA's commitment to helping congregations cultivate a culture of generosity through biblical reflection, collaborative learning, and intentional experimentation.

The Generosity Project reframes the conversation around stewardship, making it about joy, gratitude, and faith rather than obligation or stress. Through this program, pastors and congregations are invited to explore generosity not merely as a financial matter, but as a spiritual practice rooted in discipleship and mission.

The 2026 program will include six monthly online gatherings designed to equip and encourage pastors, stewardship teams, and church leaders. Participation is free of charge, with all resources, tools, and coaching opportunities provided at no cost. Participants will receive practical guidance for

stewardship development, support for engaging their congregations in generosity as a joyful, missional calling, and access to quarterly webinars with national leaders in stewardship.

Rev. Dr. Gina Jacobs-Strain, general secretary of ABCUSA shared, "Building on the past success of the Generosity Project, we are excited to launch new cohorts with fresh resources as well as with the experienced leadership Rev. Dr. Robin Stoops brings to this effort. We look forward to sharing stewardship tools and best practices, while reshaping the narrative about stewardship as we focus on gratitude and God's abundance."

American Baptist Churches USA invites those who are interested in learning more about the Generosity Project to an info session that will introduce the 2026 cohort and highlight the resources available through the program. Participants will learn how they can strengthen generosity, sustainability, and spiritual vitality in their church while

connecting with a network of like-minded participants.

The sessions will be held:

- Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 3:00 PM ET / 2:00 PM CT / 1:00 PM MT
- Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 8:00 PM ET / 7:00 PM CT / 6:00 PM MT

Registration is available at www.abc-usa.org/generosityproject.

The deadline to apply is November 1, 2025. For more information, visit www.abc-usa.org/generosityproject or contact Rev. Dr. Robin Stoops at Robin.Stoops@abc-usa.org or (610) 768-2318.

American Baptist Churches USA is one of the most diverse Christian denominations today, with approximately 5,000 congregations comprised of 1.3 million members, across the United States and Puerto Rico, all engaged in God's mission around the world.

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