



**Greetings from Senior Pastor/Teacher:  
Rev. Dr. L. Bernard Jakes**



**Karibu** (*Welcome in Swahili!*) O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good! I am excited God has blessed us to enter into 2022. This entrance is God's sign that God still has work for us to do, as well as God's continuing to exhibit grace and mercy in our lives. In response to God's loving kindness and tender mercies, we offer God our sincere worship and

uninhibited praise. I invite you to share in our life-changing engagement as practicing Christians, as we purposefully share the face of Jesus with everyone, while demonstrating God's grace to others, without expecting anything in return. Being a disciple of Jesus Christ is our first priority. In this, we strive to make Jesus' words applicable to our lives. In application, we not only love all of humanity, but we fight for the least cared for, as well as unapologetically declare war on educational disparities, hunger, mass incarceration, homelessness, food deserts, etc. It is our belief that the local church must lead the charge in helping change the lives of all people, and you are welcomed to join us in this fight.

If you are a first time or repeat visitor, I want to take this written moment to greet you. As family we have not met before, or have met in times past, we invite you to join us on this spiritual journey of connectivity. Due to COVID-19, we aren't gathering in the worship center. You can, however, join us virtually via Facebook Live or Zoom teleconference. We gather every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. To view via Facebook Live, visit our website ([wpmbc.org](http://wpmbc.org)) and click on the STREAMING LIVE in the center of the homepage. A Facebook account is not necessary for viewing. We look forward to your worshiping with us, and I look forward to seeing you on the other side of this pandemic. I love you.

*Dr. L. Bernard Jakes*



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## Announcements

### A Message from the Rev. Dr. L. Bernard Jakes

Beloved,

I take great pleasure in saying these two words: **WELCOME BACK!** Thank you for your patience as we continue working through the nuances of living with and creating a new normal. As we move forward, please govern yourselves accordingly to the new changes in operation. Mask are optional for those who've been fully vaccinated (including the booster). Social distancing is highly recommended, and gathering after worship is reserved to outdoors. My heart is happy knowing I can see many of you in person. If you're unable to attend, or still apprehensive about gathering in the worship center, the virtual option will be available. I love you. Pastor J

#### Staying Connected

**Monday's:** Corporate Prayer at 6:15 p.m. via Zoom teleconference.

**Friday's:** Crowns of Wisdom teleconference fellowship.

**Sunday's:** Sunday School from 9 a.m.—9:30 a.m.

**Sunday Morning Glory Worship:** 9:45 a.m. via FB Live and Zoom teleconference. In-context on 1st and 3rd Sundays.

\*To request dial-in information for teleconferencing, please send an email to: [info@wpmbc.org](mailto:info@wpmbc.org).



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## James 5:14-16

As we continue praying for our known sick and shut-in, as well as those desiring prayer, we'd also like to respect their privacy. No personal information will be made public.

Alice Arrington  
Steele Elliott Collins  
Ethel Doyle  
Emma Harris  
Mother Ruby Hawkins  
Evangelist Bernice Lynch  
Bettye Mapp  
Eleanor Powell  
Ethel Virgil  
M. Tena Williams

Robert Ryan Bibbs  
Isaiah and Katie Doll  
Katie Griffith  
William Hayes  
Shepherd Heard  
Deaconess Murphy Martin  
Deacon Felton Mitchell  
Trustee E. Charisse Redo  
Ruth Threat

## Church Crest

**The TOP LEFT is two-fold:** First, the extended hands represents our **Worshipping God**. Secondly, the extended hand over the world represents our **Serving Humanity**.

**The TOP RIGHT is our Star of Expectation:** We are always expecting God to do greater things through us.

**The BOTTOM LEFT:** This is our commitment in **Following the Examples of Jesus the Christ**.

**The BOTTOM RIGHT :** This represents our being **Led by the Holy Spirit**.

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## Our Mission

The mission and purpose of The faith family of **West Point Baptist Church** is to fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus Christ, "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (St. Matthew 28:19)." We meet this challenge through our worship, ministry and outreach.

We strive to be a **Worshipping Church**, seeking God in spirit and in truth.

We strive to be a **Learning Church**, committed to Biblical principles and spiritual dynamics.

We strive to be a **Soul-winning Church**, sharing our testimony of faith with all people.

We work to be a **Model Church**, in the spirit of the church at Philadelphia, always committed to the highest standards of excellence through prayer, tithing and Christian concern.

We work to be a **Socially Conscious, Justice Seeking, and Liberation Church**, aligning ourselves with the spirit of Amos, the commitment of Micah, and the proclamation of Jesus the Christ in St. Luke 4.18.

We work to be a **Transformative, Life-Changing Church**, meeting the needs of our brothers and sisters outside and inside the local church through life-changing ministries.

We work to be a **Church Without Walls**, extending God's grace to the world, outside of the local church, through various ministries of help.

## What We Believe

- There is one God, revealed to us as Father, Son (Jesus) and Holy Spirit.
- The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the complete and sufficient Word of God.
- The ordinance of Baptism signifies our fellowship with the death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ.
- The Lord's Supper commemorates Jesus' death, confirms our faith, and renews our communion with Jesus and others believers.