

Faith Missionary Baptist Church
Celebrates
40th Pastoral Anniversary
of
Pastor James R. Banks, JJ



April 24 – 25, 2021

Faith Missionary Baptist Church

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February 28, 2021

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Dear Christian Friends:

The members of Faith Missionary Baptist Church are proud to announce that we will celebrate our Pastor's 40th Pastoral Anniversary April 24-25, 2021 and we invite you to join us for this momentous occasion.

In the Bible the number forty symbolizes a period of testing, trial or probation.

Some examples include:

- When God destroyed the earth with water, He caused it to rain 40 days and 40 nights (*Genesis 7:12*).
- After Moses killed the Egyptian, he fled to Midian, where he spent 40 years in the desert tending flocks (*Acts 7:30*).
- Moses was on Mount Sinai for 40 days and 40 nights (*Exodus 24:18*).
- The Law specified a maximum number of lashes a man could receive for a crime, setting the limit at 40 (*Deuteronomy 25:3*).
- The Israelites wandered for 40 years (*Deuteronomy 8:2-5*).
- When Elijah fled from Jezebel, he traveled 40 days and 40 nights to Mt. Horeb (*1 Kings 19:8*).
- Jesus was tempted for 40 days and 40 nights (*Matthew 4:2*).
- There were 40 days between Jesus' resurrection and ascension (*Acts 1:3*).

During his 40-year journey Pastor Banks has persevered many tests, trials and tribulations and still remains steadfast as God continues to hold him in the palms of His hands during these uncertain times.

Pastor James R. Banks, II was called to serve as Pastor of Faith Missionary Baptist Church in 1981 and he has done so faithfully. For 40 years he has shared the word of God and been a faithful servant of God. We plan to do our best to be a blessing to our Pastor, who has been a blessing to us and the community in so many ways.

In addition to sharing the Word of God, he spends countless hours studying and preparing. He is always available during crisis moments as well as times of joy. He has dedicated our babies and

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grieved with the mournful. In the community he has promoted and participated in “voting” and civil rights activities. He is currently the President of the Empire Missionary Baptist Convention Congress of Christian Education.

As we continue to navigate these “unchartered waters” of a Global Pandemic, this year’s celebration will be modified, but we are still planning a glorious celebration.

We are compiling a keepsake congratulatory journal for Pastor Banks and we invite you to submit a congratulatory message for the journal. A full page is \$100 and a half page is \$60. You may also include a photo for your page. All participants will receive a digital copy of the journal.

On Saturday, April 24, 2021, we invite you to join in the drive by congratulations parade. A celebratory luncheon can be ordered and will be available for pick up during the drive by parade. The luncheon will be provided by a local black owned business and the cost is \$25.00. On Sunday, April 25, 2021, the anniversary worship service will be held virtually, and you will receive more details in a separate communication.

Enclosed you will find information about the journal and luncheon. All journal entries and meal selections must be received no later than March 31, 2021.

DEADLINE EXTENDED TO SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021 DEADLINE EXTENDED TO SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021

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If you have any questions, please contact Deacon John O. and/or Deaconess Linda F. Seay at 716-691-7152 or Deacon Esau and Mrs. Shannon Spruill at 716-936-2547.

Because He lives,

John and Linda Seay

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Anniversary Celebration Activities

Saturday, April 24, 2021

Drive by congratulations parade and lunch pick up – Faith Baptist Church, 626 Humboldt Parkway, Buffalo, NY (parking lot). The drive by parade will start at 12:00 noon, lunches will be distributed to those who ordered, participants will have an opportunity to greet Pastor and Mrs. Banks and present any gifts in the parking lot.

Anniversary favors and the Sunday program will also be distributed.

Sunday, April 25, 2021

Virtual Church Worship Service. You will be provided with the link to join the service in a separate communication.

Information about Journal message and menu selection forms are also included, please adhere to the guidelines on each form.



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Pastor James R. Banks II - 40th Pastoral Anniversary
Congratulatory Keepsake Journal

We are compiling a congratulatory keepsake journal for Pastor Banks and you have the opportunity to offer your congratulations to the Pastor. Each person that purchases an ad will get a digital copy of the journal.

Deadline for submissions is March 31, 2021

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Please email your submissions to: pastorbanksanniversary@gmail.com

Accepted file formats: Jpeg, pdf or word document

If you prefer you can mail your ad to the Church (see below).

Send Check to: Faith Missionary Baptist Church
Attention: Anniversary Committee
626 Humboldt Pkwy, Buffalo, NY 14211

Check payable to: Faith Missionary Baptist Church

Name and Email address:

Full Page - \$100

Half Page - \$60



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**Pastor James R. Banks II - 40th Pastoral Anniversary
Luncheon Celebration**

Luncheon Selection

Grilled Salmon

Roasted Chicken

Vegetarian

All meals will include two (2) side dishes and dessert.

Name: _____

Contact Info: Telephone: _____

Email address: _____

Please circle your menu selection above and return this form along with your payment of \$25.00 to:

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Buffalo, NY 14211**

or you may email your menu selection to: **pastorbanksanniversary@gmail.com**

Lunches will be available for car side pick-up during the drive by processional on April 24, 2021 at Faith Baptist Church starting at 12:00 noon. You will receive a confirmation prior to the pick-up time.