



True Love MBC Newsletter

Focus Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:18
Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will
for you who belong to Christ Jesus. (NLT)



Next Level Spiritual Awakening: HOW TO LIVE WHEN LIFE THROWS YOU A CURVEBALL

by Pastor Cyrea Monroe

October 2025 was Breast Cancer Awareness month at True Love MBC. We want to take the time now to acknowledge and recognize a two-time breast cancer survivor, Sister Katie Henson. She is the President of the Mission Ministry, the Dean of True Love's Sunday School, and of True Love Usher and Trainer. Sister Katie is one of many who have weathered the storm of breast cancer without complaining and continuing to acknowledge GOD through it all! We are sure there are others in our midst who are either going through the same storm or have gone through a similar storm. We also want to share that Sister Henson was recognized by the City-Wide Ushers for her total commitment to serving GOD's people, *while quietly going through life's curve balls*. We all have them! We'd like you to reflect on GOD's Christian example in her. Living the scripture above, "In all things give thanks to GOD!" Yes, thank HIM for the pain that we go through in life that prepare us to manage our lives in times of trouble. In spite of our difficulties, we thank HIM! We give thanks to GOD for Sister Katie Henson and others at True Love who have weathered the storm, trusted GOD to see them through, and are shining testimonies of GOD's impeccable goodness and power!

October was also the month we celebrated Bishop Hemphill and Lady Stephanie's 3rd Year Pastoral Appreciation. It's a blessing that they too weathered a tremendous storm with Lady Hemphill being lifted out of Stage 4 cancer by the goodness of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We have a lot to be thankful for True Love! These Christian leaders are excellent examples of how to live when life throws you a curveball! Now, through prayer and living what 1 Thessalonians 5:18 has taught you, you too should now know how to throw the curve ball right back!!

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2025 4th Quarter Reflections...

Harvest Musical - November

True Love's Voices In Praise (VIP) choir ministered for the first Harvest Musical since the Covid pandemic. Minister of Music, Elder Albert Lee, led the choir in song selections and musical dexterity. Choir Directors Sisters Shantrese Baldwin and Lady Stephanie Hemphill uplifted the tempo and spiritual direction of the choir during the musical. Sharing GOD's bounty of spiritual and physical fruits, the members of the choir sang with heartfelt spirit and thankfulness.



Special thanks for the blessing of dedicated workers who labored to prepare the table: Sister Brandi Brown, Sister Schelia Dixon, Lady Stephanie Hemphill, Sister Merry Shumate, Sister Lena Henson, Sister Marcella Smith-Thomas, and Sister Ina Winslow.

Sunday School Teachers Skill-Sharpening Workshop

Sister Katie Henson, Dean of the True Love Sunday School, and Rev. Johnny Dixon, Superintendent of Sunday School, held a Sunday School Teacher's Workshop during 4th Qtr. 2025. Sister Katie provided teaching tips learned during her Progressive National Baptist Convention classes. It was truly a treat to learn new ways to study GOD's word and help increase student interest during Sunday School. She spoke on topics such as:

- Sparking Creativity and Ideas in Class
- Elevate Your Sunday School Leadership
- Generating Ideas for 2026



LIT 4 Christ Bonfire Worship Night

The tireless efforts of our Youth Director, Minister Dwight Grant, Jr and his beautiful wife Sister Kia Grant continue as they led several events in 4th Qtr. for True Love youth. Our Youth Ministry is continually growing in faith and spirituality through their leadership. Praise and worship around the campfire was an absolutely amazing and spirit filled celebration! They also started Girls Talk and The Locker Room sessions for the teens. These sessions are a big hit and truly embraced by the youth. The activities build character and spiritual strength for our youth. Please join this ministry as there's more help needed to uplift our youth! Don't forget to continue to donate to the Youth Department in support of True Love youth events.



Christmas Party 2025

Fun events can be a great way to build unity and love across our church and community. The 2025 Christmas party event is one way we show love at True Love. See pictures which capture True Love Christmas fun and highlights below. Oh, we know how to celebrate *and* embrace scripture! Yes! **JESUS** *is the Reason for the Season!*



Celebration time!



Brother "Lionel Z" Pope singing "This is a Man's World!"
Everyone enjoyed that!

True Love Missionary Baptist Church
"Don't Just Watch Us Grow, Come and Grow with Us! - Luv'n Out Loud!"
Bishop Dr. R. Charles Hemphill, Jr., Senior Pastor

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