


The Messenger



True Love Missionary Baptist Church Newsletter
Senior Pastor-Bishop Dr. R. Charles Hemphill, Jr.

A photograph of Bishop Dr. R. Charles Hemphill, Jr. He is a Black man with a grey beard and glasses, wearing a black baseball cap with the 'LUV'N OUT' logo and a black t-shirt with the same logo. He is smiling broadly and holding a white envelope in his right hand. The background is a blurred indoor setting, likely a church or community center.

Something BIG is about to happen!

By Bishop Dr. R. Charles Hemphill, Jr.

As we approach Pentecost Sunday May 24th, we celebrate both the power of the empty tomb and the promise of the upper room. Because Christ is risen, we walk in resurrection power (Matthew 28:6), and because the Holy Spirit has come, we have the empowerment to boldly move forward as witnesses to God's mighty acts (Acts 1:8).

In 2026, God calls us to **Fearlessly Move Forward**, not in our own strength, but through His Spirit (Zechariah 4:6). In doing so, we release the past and eagerly embrace God's new 'thing' (Isaiah 43:18-19).

Going forward please pray expectantly, obey courageously, serve passionately, and witness boldly. Family, I don't know what! I don't know when! And I don't how! But...Ooh Wee! I believe what God does next is gonna be BIG! I'm so excited for you and True Love! So, let's move forward - fearlessly, focused, and on fire for God, in the power of the Holy Spirit!

Youth Explosion! Lit 4 Christ! Beyond the Flame



By Sis Maunyani (Mari) Spell

God has truly been blessing us, True Love family! He has truly shown us the fruits of our worship in such a beautiful way. The way that our youth have been showing up, stepping out, and worshiping the Lord has been a sight to see! We embrace Proverbs 22:6 *“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”* It is quite evident that the majority of the youth and young adults have been pouring into one another in ways that are developing dependable spiritual leaders and life long connections.

Our young adult ministry: Beyond the Flame’s College Sunday was a service to remember! Between the energy, the guests, and the speaker of the hour, God was definitely in the room! As Lit 4 Christ and Beyond the Flame ministered, the Holy Spirit took over. After the service, organizations were invited to encourage and guide our youth toward different career paths after high school.

We can’t possibly leave out the youth trip to Los Angeles, California. The Youth ministry team accompanied Minister Dwight Grant, Jr., to his home church, True Love Missionary Baptist Church, Los Angeles, CA. All the youth came together and bonded on the trip, putting God at the center. The youth and their leaders created lifelong memories and wove relationships that will support them throughout their youth life journeys.



Lit 4 Christ Youth Events!

Luv'n Out Loud! Up Reach, In Reach and Outreach! Los Angeles Youth Ministry Trip. Minister Dwight Grant Jr., preached the Palm Sunday Service, March 29, 2026 at True Love MBC Los Angeles. The church provided dinner afterwards. It was an all-around spiritually great Christian fellowship! The Christian rap artist featured on College Sunday was amazing!



Minister's Corner

We have a GOOD Church

Ephesians 4:15-16 (ERV)

By Min. Kola Akingbade

To our wonderful True Love Church family, Let us just take a moment to look around and thank God, because True Love, we have a good Church! We are not just a building on a corner; we are a family. Like any family, we might hit a bumpy road every now and again, but a little dust on the shoes does not mean the journey is over.

Being a “good Church” does not mean we are perfect people. It means we serve a perfect God who knows how to take all our different pieces and fit them together into something beautiful. When we are open with one another and walk in the light, we do not have to stumble in the dark. There is such a sweet peace that comes when we decide to just love each other through the hard parts, trusting that the God we serve is the Master Builder of this house!

The Bible tells us in Ephesians 4:15-16 (ERV): ¹⁵No, we will speak the truth with love. We will grow to be like Christ in every way. He is the head, ¹⁶and the whole body depends on him. All the parts of the body are joined and held together, with each part doing its own work. This causes the whole body to grow and to be stronger in love.



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Minister's Corner, continued:

Minister Kola Akingbade: *We're a Good Church!, continued*

When the Bible talks about the body growing, it is telling us that when each one of us does our own work—whether it is a kind word, a silent prayer, or just showing up with a smile—we make this Church stronger in love. God did not put us together by accident; He joined us and held us together perfectly, just like the parts of a body, so we can do His will.

So, True Love family, let us keep leaning on one another. Let us keep telling each other the truth in a way that is full of love and let us listen with hearts that are ready to understand. If we let Christ lead us—since HE is the Head—and we keep HIS love in our hearts, we are going to be just fine. *We have come this far by faith,* and we are going to keep right on going together!

A Simple Prayer for Us

Lord, we just want to say thank You for our Church. Thank You for my brothers and sisters. Help us to keep our hearts open and our spirits united. Grant us the wisdom to speak in love and the strength to grow together. Keep us honest, keep us kind, and keep us one. We love You, Lord! Amen.

Yours in Christ, Minister Kola Akingbade



Take It to the Streets!

True Love's Luv'n Out Loud Yearly Outreach!

Souls were saved, the people were clothed, fed, and received haircuts. Evangelism at it's best!



Join the Mission Ministry, every Monday Night, at 6:30 P.M.



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