



## Greetings From the Senior Pastor/Teacher



**Karibu** (*Welcome in Swahili*)! O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good! I am excited God has blessed us to enter into 2012. 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 2012 yearlong, life-changing practice on: **Giving God The Best We've Got: Serving God As Committed Stewards Through Our Time, Talents, and Treasures.** God, through Jesus the Christ, gave us the gift of salvation (grace), and it is our responsibility to share this grace with others as good stewards of Jesus the Christ. As *The faith family of West Point Church*, we take no credit for what God is doing through us, but seek to give God our best because of what God gave us—the gift of grace!

Everyone who enters the worship center is invited to worship and praise God in a manner they are most comfortable. In an effort to meet a variety of worship needs we offer two worship services. Our 8:00 a.m. **Worship and Word (1st and 3rd Sundays only)** is a non-traditional worship service. Our 10:45 a.m. **Sunday Morning Glory Worship** is a blending of traditional and contemporary worship. In addition, we invite you to join us every Wednesday at 7 p.m. for *Wednesday in the Word* with yours truly. These lessons are designed to meet the practical needs of your life. This service is casual and free-spirited. If you are visiting with us, yet you have a place to call home [church], we count your visit as a privilege of meeting family we have never met before. If you are un-churched and seeking a place of refuge, we cordially and excitingly invite you to experience the love, fellowship and communion of Jesus the Christ in this local church. **We would love to be your church family of faith and I would LOVE to be your Pastor!**

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## Announcements

The faith family of West Point Baptist Church is excited to begin the celebration for Rev. Dr. L. Bernard Jakes' and the Pastoral Family's 10th Year Anniversary. The theme for this joyous celebration is: **Pastor and People: A Love That Has Grown Together** (Philippians 1:3-11). The celebration of God's faithfulness will be held on Sunday, April 29th, 2012, beginning with Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. The celebration of God's faithfulness will continue at our Sunday Morning Glory Worship Service at 10:45 a.m. A beautiful celebratory banquet will be held at 3 p.m., in the fellowship hall, and tickets are available after morning worship in the narthex. The cost is \$20.00 per adult and \$10.00 for children 10 and under. Each member is asked to sow a love seed of \$100.00, and silver envelopes are available today. Our pastor will receive all envelopes, and looks forward to reading your words of love.

**Easter Sunday Worship Services!** The Rev. Dr. L. Bernard Jakes invites you to join us for both Easter worship services on Sunday, April 8th, 2012 at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Our 8 a.m. preacher will be the living legend, the Rev. Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr., Pastor Emeritus, Trinity UCC of Chicago, and the Rev. Dr. L. Bernard Jakes will be preaching at 11 a.m. Sunday School will begin at 9:30 a.m.

**Job Opening!** Applications are being accepted for janitorial/maintenance personnel. Resumes must be received in the church office by April 12, 2012. This position is subject to a background check.

### April Calendar

**1st:** Palm Sunday/Blue Bow Campaign Observance (all members asked to wear blue for this observation).

**6th:** Seven Last Sayings Of Jesus at 7 p.m. (worship center).

**8th:** 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Resurrection Sunday worship services.

**29th:** Rev. Dr. L. Bernard Jakes and the First Family 10th Year Pastoral Anniversary (all day).

## Known Sick and Shut-In

Sister Juanita Armstrong  
Sister Alice Arrington  
Mother Eva Boswell  
Deaconess Louise F. Byrd  
Mother Hazel Cleo Clay  
Sister Elnora Davis  
Sister Ann Gary  
Sister Grace Green  
Mother Gladys Hill  
Sister Izetta Harris  
Brother Gaddis Hayes  
Sister Juanita Hunt  
Sister Margaret Johnson  
Sister Willa Mae Jones  
Mother Lula Lacey  
Sister JoAnna Leachman  
Deacon Clarence Matthews  
Sister Dorothy Miles  
Sister Tillena Moore  
Sister Lorraine Mosley  
Mother Carrie Parker  
Mother Willie Mae Phillips  
Mother Mary Louise Porter  
Sister Dorothy Taylor  
Sister Verdell Thompson  
Sister Alice Townsend  
Sister Ethel Virgil  
Sister Amiller Washington  
Sister M. Tena Williams  
Mother Ernestine Stevenson  
Mother Lillie Mae Taper  
Brother Joseph Booth  
Deaconess Juanita Grizzard

## Daily Bible Readings

**2nd:** Psalm 43

**3rd:** Psalm 86:8-13

**4th:** John 18:1-11

**5th:** John 18:12-18

**6th:** John 18:19-24

**7th:** John 8:31-38

**8th:** John 18-28-37

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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 **Worshiping 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 helps.

## 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.