

# Morning Star Baptist Church - Celebrating Our 108TH Anniversary

*'Being Great In Our 108th'*

BUT OUR EYES ARE UPON THEE  
(2 CHRONICLES 20:12)



## HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday - August 3, 2025



MORNING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH \* 10250 SHAKER BOULEVARD  
CLEVELAND, OHIO 44104 PHONE: 216.721.7300

*Rev. Ronald Simpson, Sr.*  
*Interim Senior Pastor*

## THE CHURCH COVENANT

**Minister:** By what common experience do we enter into spiritual fellowship and covenant with one another.

**Congregation:** Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus as our Savior; and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

**Minister:** What is the great bond of our nation with God and each other?

**Congregation:** We engage therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian Love.

**Minister:** What are our great privileges and duties in this our church?

**Congregation:** To strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort, to promote its prosperity and spirituality, to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines.

**Minister:** What vows do we gladly make as stewards of that which God has entrusted to us?

**Congregation:** To contribute cheerfully and regularly, to the support of the ministry, the support of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spreading of the gospel throughout all nations.

**Minister:** For the sake of our homes and our loved ones, what gracious task do we humbly assume?

**Congregation:** We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion, to religiously educate our children, to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances.

**Minister:** For the sake of the unsaved, for whom our Savior died; to what manner of life and consecration are we solemnly pledged?

**Congregation:** To walk circumspectly in the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to abstain from drunkenness and the excessive use of alcoholic beverages of any kind. To further abstain from any habits or practices that are harmful to the body, mind and spirit and which may cause a person to stumble. And to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

**Minister:** What is our responsibility when we remove ourselves from this church?

**Congregation:** We moreover engage that, when we remove from this place, we will immediately unite with a church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.

**Minister:** Since one is our master, even Christ, all we are brethren; by what fraternal ministries are we to strengthen each other and adorn the teachings of our Lord and Savior?

**Congregation:** We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness and distress, to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior, to seek it without delay.

**Unison:** Humbly confessing our past sins, we pray for the grace and strength to keep these our holy vows for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**10250 SHAKER BOULEVARD**

**CLEVELAND, OHIO 44104**

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**SUNDAY - AUGUST 3, 2025 - 10:00AM**

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**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**MINISTRY OF PRAISE & WORSHIP**

**PRAYER**

**MINISTRY OF PRAISE & WORSHIP**

**OFFERING/VIDEO ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**(Please Remain Seated)**

**MINISTRY OF PRAISE & WORSHIP**

**HOMILY — REV. DR. AVERY BOLDEN, SR.**

**INVITATION**

**CHURCH COVENANT**

**FELLOWSHIP OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**BENEDICTION**



## *Morning Star Baptist Church History*

**Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church** was organized in August 24, 1917 as a Mission. Under the leadership of the late Rev. J. R. Davis, a small group of people formed a mission and rented a storefront on the corner of West 28<sup>th</sup> and Detroit Avenue. There were twelve persons present for the first service. The late Rev. J. R. Davis presided. All twelve persons joined the mission including the late Mr. John Thornton, Mrs. Hattie Foster, Deacon Elbert Folston, Deacon Brown V. Watson, Mr. H. W. Kimball, Mr. Henry Johnson, Mr. A. Johnson and Mr. Sam Davis. In 1919, the mission became organized as a church located at 2402 West Superior Avenue. Mrs. Nancy Holt named the church, Morning Star, because she wanted the church to be a "bright star" for all people to see and attend.

**Ministers,** Rev. C. C. Ailer and Rev. Freeman were a great help in organizing the church. Nine ministers were called during this period with each serving only a short time. Rev. Davis served as pastor for one year before ill health forced his retirement. He was succeeded by Rev. Butler in 1920. From 1923 to 1928, six Ministers served until the Rev. C. C. Stewart was called.

A church house was purchased on Mulberry Street in 1924, and later the government purchased the property for a housing project. A place of worship was rented on Detroit Avenue in June of 1925. On the fourth Sunday in July, 1925, this site was demolished by a bomb; everything was lost but a Bible and a Baptist Hymnal which were left intact. Following this event, services were held with the Good Saints on Main Avenue. During this time, Rev. Stewart served as pastor and continued to serve through the end of 1935. Following his departure, the pulpit was vacant for a period of six months. However, a faithful few tried to carry on.

On July 5, 1936, Rev. S. L. Cole was called as Pastor and became the 10<sup>th</sup> pastor of Morning Star. He began holding services in a storefront at 2226 Franklin Avenue. Rev. Cole promised that he would lead them to a church home. In 1939, a house was purchased at 2674 East 63rd at Beaver Street and remodeled as a church.

In the latter part of 1949, as the congregation began to grow, it was agreed that another church site be purchased. The membership acquired the property at 650 Parkwood Drive and marched there on the first Sunday in August, 1950. The mortgage was burned on Parkwood Drive on November 27, 1960. On July 11, 1976, after 40 years of dedicated service, Solomon L. Cole retired.

On January 22, 1977, Rev. Earl Preston, Jr., was called to pastor and began his pastoral duties on Sunday February 6, 1977 using the personal theme of "Making Our Neighborhood a Brotherhood". Then on January 30, 1980 the church's official name was changed to "Morning Star Baptist Church". In 1987 we began an outreach program to assist young men in the middle schools. This program mentored 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders in good sportsmanship and assisted them in developing skills in their preparation for manhood. Rev. Preston developed outreach ministries to meet the needs of many people.

On December 28, 1997, under the leadership of Pastor Preston, the members of Morning Star left their church home on Parkwood in search of a new place of worship. After the sale of the Parkwood properties, the congregation was temporarily housed at Glenville High School. During the three years at Glenville High School our ministries grew as well as our families.

On December 17, 2000 Pastor Preston and the congregation moved into the edifice at 10250 Shaker Blvd., where his commitments and visions never wavered. He initiated the Hot Meals Program; the Rubye Walker Hunger Center, the R.E.A.D. Literacy Program for adults; the acquisition of the WSEM Program for middle school children; The Toy Give-A-Way, established in conjunction with the Cleveland Police Department's Cops, Kids and Christmas; and a summer Children Lunch Program.

After 35 years of dedicated service to the Lord, the Church, and many people across this great nation of ours, Dr. Earl Preston, Jr. retired from the pastorate on December 31, 2012.

A meeting was held on January 5, 2013 and Rev. Clarence W. Hall, Jr. was nominated and voted in as Interim Pastor. For more than 3 years Rev. Hall led the church during a difficult time of transition. Finally, at a special meeting called on February 21, 2016 a vote was taken and Rev. Clarence W. Hall, Jr. was called to be the 12<sup>th</sup> pastor of Morning Star Baptist Church and was installed as Pastor on May 15, 2016. After a total of 12 years as Interim and Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Clarence W. Hall, Jr., retired on Sunday, December 26, 2024.

On August 3, 2024, Rev. Ronald Simpson, Sr. was nominated and voted in as the Interim Senior Pastor. On January 5, 2025, Rev. Ronald Simpson, Sr., began his duties in this position and continues to minister in this capacity.

*"To God Be All The Glory"*

# MORNING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH CELEBRATING

(108 YEARS - 1917 - 2025)



FROM: 650 PARKWOOD DRIVE  
CLEVELAND 44108



BY WAY OF GLENVILLE HS  
CLEVELAND 44108



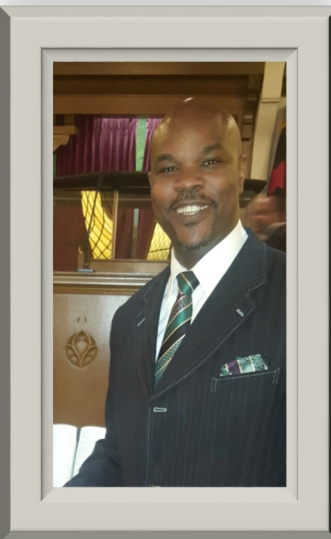
TO: 10250 SHAKER BLVD  
CLEVELAND 44104

## *Special Guest Preacher - Sunday, August 10 - Rev. Ian F. Cox*

Rev. Ian F. Cox was born in Carmel, CA September 7, 1971. Raised in Seaside, CA and was a member of Bethel MBC under the leadership of his Grand Uncle Herbert H Lusk I. Rev. Cox migrated to Cleveland, OH in the fall of 1986. He graduated from Shaw High School in 1989 and became a member of the church under the leadership of Johnny F. Twymon in the fall of 1996. He served on the Deacons Board at Blessed Hope MBC from the fall of 2000 until he was called into the preaching ministry in November of 2004. Rev. Cox became the senior pastor of Holy Grove MBC in January 2013 until February 2023.

After leaving the duties as the senior pastor of Holy Grove MBC, Rev. Cox received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Ministry Leadership with a 3.7 GPA from Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, IL. He is currently matriculating as a full-time student of Ashland Theological Seminary in Ashland, OH majoring in Applied Bible and Theological Studies with the goal and intent to complete a Master of Divinity in Chaplaincy.

He works as a Wrap Specialist for The Centers for Families and Children, helping families with resources and children guidance in Cleveland and the surrounding areas. Rev. Cox is celebrating 24 years of marriage to the lovely Lady Tangetta Cox this month and has three beautiful children named Dorian, Maranda, and Immanuel. To God be the glory for the things He has done. Amen!



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*Mother Zadie Barber*

*Bro Curtis & Sister Gay L Blair & Family*

*Deacon Emeritus Lola Cook*

*Mother Mattie Edwards*

*Rev Clarence & Lady Tanya Hall*

*Sister Valeria Hall (Samaria/Asia)*

*Sister Sharon Holloway (Niece-Leila)*

*Sister Lee Larkin (Nephew/Cousin)*

*Brother Roosevelt Linder*

*Deacon Johnnie Martin*

*Mother Flossie McAllister*

*Sister Kim McCoy*

*Sister Edith Ginn-McGough (Sister)*

*Mother Maxine Miller*

*Brother Leonard Murphy*

*Sister Doris Philpot (Father)*

*Trustee Ruby Raines*

*Deacon Will & Pam Rainge (Son-William Hill)*

*Sister Venyce Sanders*

*Sister Katherine Slaughter (husband)*

*Deacon Michael Taylor*

*Brother Quintus Teer*

*Sister Jean Thorne (Sister)*

*Sister Suzette Travis (Husband/Brother)*

*Mother Doris White*

*Brother Al Willis*



**MINISTRY RELAUNCH**  
**Saturday, August 16**



**Church Anniversary Celebration**  
**Sunday, August 31**

*Consecration Sunday*



*September Seventh*

# Home Bound Members

<i>ALEXANDER, Julia</i>	<i>3650 Rolliston Road, 44120-5137</i>
<i>BROWN, Louvenia &amp; Thelma</i>	<i>20406 Harvard Road, 44122-7064</i>
<i>BROWN, Mother Bernice</i>	<i>6613 Brandemere Rd S, Jacksonville, FL 32211</i>
<i>CARDWELL, Zenobia</i>	<i>1154 Erieview Rd, 44121-2424</i>
<i>DARNELL, Mary Rose</i>	<i>12730 Shaker Blvd #210, 44120-2043</i>
<i>DAVIS, Harriett Green</i>	<i>4352 E Troon Dr, Fayetteville, AR, 72701-7787</i>
<i>DEWS, Buenevee</i>	<i>10407 Hulda Avenue, 44104-3540</i>
<i>GOODRUM, Raymond</i>	<i>17303 Neff Road, 44119-1959</i>
<i>GRAVES, Delores</i>	<i>4335 Wyatt Road, 44128-3374</i>
<i>HICKS, Geraldine</i>	<i>16217 Myrtle Ave, 44128-3813</i>
<i>LUKE, Mother Louise</i>	<i>18018 Olympia Rd, 44112-1108</i>
<i>MCALLISTER, Mtr. Flossie</i>	<i>797 Babbitt Rd, #17, 44123-2567</i>
<i>MCDANIEL, Louvonia</i>	<i>1436 E. 174<sup>th</sup>, 44110-2935</i>
<i>MILLER, Maxine</i>	<i>23861 DeVoe Ave, 44123-2219</i>
<i>MONROE, Emma</i>	<i>4856 Geraldine Avenue, 44143-2858</i>
<i>MOORE, Mother Ardell</i>	<i>9114 Beckman Avenue, 44104-2309</i>
<i>NELSON, Cheryl</i>	<i>2277 East 70thstreet, 44103-4720</i>
<i>REMBERT, Mattie</i>	<i>3690 East 69th Street, 44105-1402</i>
<i>SLAUGHTER, Katherine</i>	<i>4815 Gleeton Road, 44143-2737</i>
<i>WALKER, Mary</i>	<i>2271 N. Taylor Road, 44112-3013</i>
<i>WHITE, Doris</i>	<i>2207 Marshrun Ct, Grove City, OH 43123</i>

## CARE FACILITIES

CRAWFORD, Dominique – The Merriman - 209 Merriman Rd – Room 215 – Akron, OH 44303

CRENSHAW, Marvin – Hillside Plaza - 18220 Euclid Ave - Room 28 – Cleveland, OH 44112

HARRIS, Beatrice – Brentwood Health Care Ctr - 907 West Aurora Rd – Room 412 - Sagamore Hills, OH 44067

HATTEN, Geraldine – Woodside Senior Living -19455 Rockside Rd – Room 327 - Bedford, OH 44146

RANALDSON, Margaret – Falling Water Healthcare Ctr. - 18840 Falling Water Rd – Room 111 – Strongsville, OH 44136

SIMS, Betty – McGregor Home - 14900 Private Drive - Room 2211 - East Cleveland, OH 44112

YOUNG, Cynthia – Seven Hills Nursing Home & Senior Rehab Center - 819 Old Rockside Road – Seven Hills, OH 44131

**REV. RONALD SIMPSON, SR – INTERIM SENIOR PASTOR**  
(**Email:** [pastorron@morningstarbaptist.com](mailto:pastorron@morningstarbaptist.com))

**Rev. Dr. Clarence W. Hall, Jr – Associate Pastor**

**Rev. Eric Eubanks – Streaming/Drama Ministry**

**Dr. Avery Bolden-Doctrinal Studies/Christian Ed/ Youth Ministry**

**Minister Z. Christopher Delk – Music & Fine Arts**



**Deacon Daunteley Signal – Chairman, Fellowship of Deacons**

**Trustee Ricky Owens – Chairman, Fellowship of Trustees**

**OFFICE STAFF**

**Phyllis Powell - Administrative Assistant to Pastor**  
**Charlene Weathers - Church Statistician & Membership**  
**Yvonne McCoy - Administrative Office Assistant**

**Sunday School – Monday – 7:00PM**

**Dr. Avery Bolden, Sr & Sister Mary Logan**  
(Zoom Address: 820-2499-2757: Password: msbc10250)

**Doctrinal Study -Tuesday - 6:30 PM - Dr. Avery Bolden, Sr**  
(Zoom Address: 843 2136 6002: Password – msbc7300)

**Teen Time -1st & 3rd Tuesdays – 5:00PM**

**Deacons Will & Pam Rainge**  
(Zoom Address: 876 7540 4989: Password: MSBCTEENS)

**Bible Study - Wednesday - 7:00PM Rev. Ronald Simpson, Sr**  
(Chapel/YouTube)

**Women's Bible Study – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays – 5:30PM**  
(Conference Room)