



20th PASTOR & WIFE ANNIVERSARY

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

Theme:
A Servant Called to Serve
John 13:16

Morning Program

"A Servant Called to Serve"

John 13:16

Intercessory Prayer

Devotion Deacons

Video Presentation

Praise Dance

Praise & Worship.....Praise Team

The Occasion Sister Juana Thomas

Selection Mass Choir

Offering..... Bishop A. L. Cobbs, Jr.

Introduction of Speaker Bishop A. L. Cobbs, Jr.

Sermon Bishop Torin Newsome
Citadel of Praise Baptist Church, San Pablo, California

Call to Discipleship Minister

Benediction..... Minister

Afternoon Program

"A Servant Called to Serve"

John 13:16

Entrance of Bishop A. L. Cobbs, Jr. & Lady Carolyn Cobbs

DevotionDeacons
Mistress of Ceremony.....Sister Cassandra Thomas
Praise & Worship PBC Praise Team
Welcome & Occasion.....Sister Vena Tracy
Guest ResponseGreater St. John MBC
Selection.....PBC Mass Choir
Remembering Bishop A. L. Cobbs, Sr..... Dr. Yvonne Cobbs
Tribute to Lady Carolyn Cobbs Deaconess Denise Smith
Tribute to Bishop A. L. Cobbs, Jr.Brother Roland Byrd, Jr.

Pulpit in Charge

OfferingOfficers & Visiting Deacons
Mime Selection Brother Roland Byrd, Jr.
Selections Greater St. John MBC Choir
Sermon..... Bishop Gregory Payton
Greater St. John MBC, Oakland, California
Call to Discipleship.....Minister
Presentations.....Deaconess Dana Wallace
Gratis.....Sister Maxine Henegan
Remarks..... Bishop A. L. Cobbs, Jr. & Lady Carolyn Cobbs
Benediction.....Minister

From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Members of Providence Baptist Church,

Grace and peace from God the Father. It is with a heart full of gratitude and joy that I write to you today, reflecting on the incredible journey we have shared over the past 20 years. As we celebrate this milestone together, I am humbled by the privilege and honor of serving as your pastor at Providence Baptist Church.

Throughout these two decades, it has been my utmost priority to provide pastoral care and support to each and every one of you. I have witnessed the joys and sorrows of life, and it has been a blessing to walk alongside you in times of celebration and times of grief. Together, we have shared in the joy of 177 baptisms, the sorrow of 97 members' funeralized, and the spiritual growth that comes from 980 sermons delivered from the pulpit.

In addition to these significant moments, I have had the privilege of officiating 61 weddings, participating in baby dedications, and providing counseling sessions to those in need. These milestones are a testament to the deep connections we have formed as a church family and the steadfast faith that binds us together.

I am deeply grateful for the love and care that you have shown to my family and me over the years. Your support and prayers have been a source of strength and encouragement, and we are truly blessed to be part of such a loving and faithful community.

I would like to extend a special thank you to my wife of 39 years, Carolyn, and my children, Clarice Baker and Christopher Cobbs, for their steadfast support and dedication. Their love and commitment to serving alongside me have been a constant source of inspiration and joy.

I also want to express my gratitude to my niece, Carlisa Cook, and my baby sister, Elizabeth Cobbs, for their love, encouragement, and unwavering support throughout this journey. Their presence in my life has been a source of strength and joy, and I am grateful.

As we look to the future with hope and anticipation, I am filled with gratitude for the journey that God allows us to share, and the blessings that lie ahead. Together, let us continue to grow in faith, love, and service to one another and to our community. Thanks for the privilege to serve!

With heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation, Bishop A.L. Cobbs, Jr.

Words from Lady Carolyn Cobbs



Greetings and blessings in the name of Jesus!

I am so grateful to God for who He is in my life and for His Word that gives both power and life. God is everything I need Him to be — and He is more than the world against us. He is the Creator, the Sustainer, the Giver of life, and the One who can do all things but fail (Ephesians 3:20).

Although we are perfectly imperfect — we cry sometimes, get discouraged, fall down, and make mistakes — God remains in the midst of our shortcomings. Our Christian journey is about developing a closer walk with our Lord. We can accomplish this if we surrender and allow Him to dwell in our minds and hearts.

Let me encourage you to look to the hills from where your help comes; our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth (Psalm 121). Through every challenge and even through the season of COVID, God allowed me to pen my book “S.O.U.L. Inspiration 4 Life Daily Word”, a book of inspiration. God has been with us and has never left us. We can continue to trust Him and stand on His promises. We have come this far by faith — leaning on the Lord and trusting in His holy Word. God be praised for 20 years in ministry! This is truly the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes!

Lastly, I thank God for my husband, great father, my friend, and provider for almost 40 years. Together, we have been through so much, but God has kept us and I love you honey lamb. I also thank God for my two wonderful and gifted children, Clarice and Chris; my son-in-love, Minister Shawn Baker; and my beautiful grandbabies, Cruz “Lil Honey” and Carter the “Shuga”, who fill my heart with joy.

God be Praised for our parents — Pastor A.L. Cobbs, Sr. (we miss you dearly, but your legacy remains strong and alive in us); Mama, Lady Victoria Cobbs; and my mother, Lorine Pernell. To my Providence Baptist Church family — thank you for 20 years! I love you, and there’s nothing you can do about it.

With love and gratitude, Lady Carolyn Cobbs









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Bishop Torin D. Newsome, 11:00 a.m. Speaker



Bishop Torin Newsome is a native of Oakland, California. He learned to love the Lord at an early age and joined the Greater New Mt. Hermon MBC at 3 years old. His Godfather and mentor was Pastor Reverend Nelson Davis. He graduated from Skyline High School in Oakland and studied at Concordia University. He is happily married to Lady Carla Brown Newsome.

The Citadel of Praise Baptist Church was founded on February 24, 2013, in Berkeley, California.

In 2017, Pastor Newsome and his ministry team established churches in Nairobi, and Kissi, Africa where the Pastors of each of these sister churches were installed under the umbrella of Citadel of Praise, Oakland. Also in 2017, the Citadel of Praise Orphanage in Kenya was established which serves over 50 children who have become orphans through AIDS and other diseases that are prevalent on the continent. We also took on a sister church in Kakinada, India.

On May 6, 2019, with the help of God, the Board treasurer and the Pastor, and the membership, the members of Citadel of Praise caravanned to our newly purchased current location at 1850 15th Street, San Pablo, California.

Bishop Gregory Payton, 3:00 p.m. Speaker



Bishop Gregory Bernard Payton is held as one of the premiere pastors and voices in ministry today. He was raised in the historic St. John Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late organizer, Dr. C. J. Anderson.

On October 1, 2004, Greater St. John Missionary Baptist Church presented Reverend Gregory B. Payton as the second Pastor of the historic church. He has truly transitioned Greater St. John to higher heights. Under the leadership of Bishop Payton, Greater St. John Missionary Baptist Church has implemented many new ministries and enhanced several existing ministries. He currently holds the office of President of the California Missionary Baptist State Congress on Christian Education.

In December of 2016, he was elevated to the office of Bishop, which took place in an official Bishop Consecration Service held at the Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church of Oakland, California. In January, 2025, he celebrated nineteen years as Pastor of the Greater St. John Missionary Baptist Church of Oakland California. Bishop Payton is a humble under-shepherd and a dynamic orator. Being a motivator, advisor, administrator, businessman, lecturer, revivalist, coach, mentor, teacher, father, grandfather, visionary, pastor and so much more, he has truly made a lasting impression and continues to do so for his parishioners, family, community and for future generations to come.

Acknowledgments!

*The Pastor's Aide Committee would like to
extend our heartfelt thanks to:*

Bishop Gregory Payton & the Greater St. John MBC

Bishop Torin Newsome & the Citadel of Praise Church

*We extend our heartfelt thanks for helping to make this day a success.
Your presence and support have allowed us to share and express our
appreciation, love, and respect for our very own.*

Bishop A.L. Cobbs, Jr. & Lady Carolyn Cobbs!

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