

THE FIRST BAPTIST INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH  
PRESENTS

27 **PASTORAL**  
*Anniversary*  
C E L E B R A T I O N

**IT'S NOT  
OVER**  
UNTIL GOD SAYS IT'S OVER!

JEREMIAH 20:9



**REVEREND AARON BRASFIELD, JR.**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup> 2024 • 10:00 AM**  
**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATION**  
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## *A note From the pastor*

*The Lord is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped.*

*My heart exults and with my song I will give thanks to Him. Psalms 28:7*

*To the First Baptist Institutional Church :*

*I along with Sister Brasfield greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; as our hearts are overflowing with love, thankfulness and appreciation for our church family, truly you are "Our Family" in every sense of the word. During the years we have spent in service & fellowship here at First Baptist , we have been blessed in ways we never imagined. " As it is written, eyes hath not seen, nor ears heard, neither have entered into the hearts of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." 1 Corinthians 2:9. We love God & we love you.*

*As I reflect back over the past 27 years that I have been blessed to serve as Pastor, I can see how the grace of God has continued to manifest throughout our church. I believe, we as a church have grown closer to God and with one another in a way that truly embodies what it means to be a " family in Christ".*

*We have stood together in times of trials, difficulty and sorrow. We have laughed together in times of celebration and joy. Most importantly, we have come together in prayer and to study God's word that we may be able to share the light of Jesus in a world growing in darkness & in need of hope. In spite of what is happening around us in this world. I encourage each of you to remain steadfast in your walk of faith, exalt the name of Jesus wherever you are.*

*Do not grow weary in your well doing, for any work that is done for the Lord, is a job worth doing. It is my prayer, with God's blessings we will continue on our journey of spiritual growth; striving to honor God in every aspect of our lives, remembering to put on the whole "Armour of God" as we bear witness to His marvelous works.*



*I love you all and 27 years later I am still excited to be your pastor. I am grateful to God for honoring me by calling me to Pastor at this church. I am grateful for the things He has done for this church & I am grateful and elated for the promises of God yet to come, for the fulfillment of His plans for the First Baptist Institutional Church.*

*As my wife and I share with you in this 27th year anniversary celebration, we thank each of you for you many expressions of Love. From our hearts to each of your hearts we offer up this prayer to God " May the Lord bless and keep thee;*

*The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee and, give thee peace. Numbers 6: 24-26*

*Yours in Christ; God's humble servant,*

*Pastor Aaron Brasfield, Jr. and Sister Alma J. Brasfield*



*Biography of  
Rev. Aaron Brasfield, Jr.*



*Rev. Aaron Brasfield is a native of Gonzales, Texas. Born April 7, 1944. He is the fifth child of seven siblings.*

*He accepted his calling to the ministry in the year of 1970 under the leadership of the Late Rev. R.W. Bivens of Sweethome Missionary Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas, where he was licensed and ordained.*

*Rev. Brasfield is the proud pastor of First Baptist Institutional Church, located at 4220 West 18<sup>th</sup> Street in the windy city of Chicago, Illinois, where he is celebrating 27 years of service to his congregation on the 2nd Sunday of March 2024.*

*He is the former pastor of Grace First Baptist Church of San Antonio, Texas. He has pastored the St. John Baptist Church, Tennessee Colony, Texas, the Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Texas, the St. Paul Baptist Church Waelder, Texas, and the Second Baptist Church of Seguin, Texas.*

*Pastor Brasfield is presently a member the Midwest Baptist District Association where the Rev. Michael Ross is Moderator. He is one of the Executive Board Members of MUMD's (Ministers United for Ministerial Development) and the Advisor to the Minister's Wives Auxiliary of MUMD where Rev. LJ. Gillespie Sr. is President. He has also served as Chairman of the Home Mission Board for two terms, for the National Missionary Baptist Convention. And he is greatly known for his dedication to fundraising to assist other pastors, churches, and helping those in need. He is married to Alma J. Henderson Brasfield. They have been married for 58 years. To God Be the Glory! He is the proud father of four children, Renee (Robert) Harris, Karen Brasfield, Kimberly Brasfield Nwosu, of San Antonio, Texas, Rev. Christopher A Brasfield (Sherresa) of Corvallis, Oregon and five grandchildren his pride and joy...Marcus, Isaac, Tyson, Truman, and Taylor Michelle. Rev. Brasfield loves to fish and enjoys cooking and gardening almost as much as he loves preaching.*

*His favorite saying is "Have Thine Own Way! Have Thine Own Way!" Pastor Brasfield is committed to being faithful to his calling...he says, "I wouldn't give nothing for my journey now for I'm too close to turn around."*







## PASTOR GLENN P. TAYLOR



Reverend Dr. Glenn Philip Taylor was called to the ministry at an incredibly early age under the wise tutelage of his father-pastor in the ministry.

A humble and yet exceptional scholar of the bible, Dr. Taylor has an enthusiastic love for the Word of God as is evident in his profound and precise ability to transliterate the most complex doctrinal precepts into easy, current, and relevant life application. His creative use of spiritual hymns, humor, parables, and stories captivates and draws in the unbeliever and babes in Christ alike.

Pastor Taylor is an intuitive, and caring man of God. As an experienced and effective administrator in all aspects of church business, he understands and leads the church in the fulfillment of its critical role in the community and its brotherly and civic duty.

### LEADERSHIP SKILLS & ACUMEN

- Bible Scholar & Spiritual Advisor
- Preacher and Evangelist
- Teacher and Pastoral Mentor
- Church Administrator
- Civic Board Administrator
- Business and Community Leader

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REVEREND DR.

# GLENN PHILIP TAYLOR

PASTOR, UNION GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

### EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

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#### AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE & SEMINARY, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Doctor of Divinity

#### GUADALUPE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Doctor of Theology

#### BISHOP COLLEGE, DALLAS, TEXAS

Bachelor of Arts Degree

Major Study: Religion

#### MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN

Area of Study: Interpersonal Process Recall

Rational Behavior Therapy

### PASTORAL MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

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#### Senior Pastor—Union Grove Baptist Church, Chattanooga, TN. October 2008—Present

Provides God-inspired vision, leadership and guidance for all teaching and other church ministries; weekly preaching and teaching God's Holy word; worship leader; provides pastoral care, individual, family, marriage counseling; directs church administration, financial and capital projects, leads and cultivates church stewardship and support of domestic and foreign mission work, promotes congressional civic involvement and represents the church in local state and national level associations.

### PREVIOUS PASTORAL ASSIGNMENTS

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Canaan Missionary Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas [1992-2008]

West End Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas [1983-1991]

Mount Moriah Baptist Church, Commerce, Texas [1978-1983]

Queen Esther Baptist Church, Muskegon Heights, Michigan [1976-1978]

Union Baptist Church, Detroit, Texas [1973-1974]

### APPOINTED & ELECTED OFFICES & BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

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**Board Member**—Reconciliation Ministries Network, Incorporated  
(Foreign and Domestic Missionary Outreach), Chattanooga, TN.

**Office of Dean**—Ministers United for Ministerial Development (MUMD)

**Office of President**—San Antonio Chapter of The Attorney General's  
Child Support Volunteer Agency

**Board Member**—American Cancer Society; American Heart Society,  
and Meals on Wheels of Commerce, Texas

**Office of Vice President**—Pastor's Conference, National Baptist  
Convention of America, Inc.

**Office of Co-Chairman**—Pastor's Conference, Missionary Baptist  
General Convention of Texas (MBGCT)

**Office of President**—Pastor's Conference, Cypress District, President  
Minister's Lyceum, Bishop College, Dallas, Texas



**Rev. Aaron Brasfield, Jr.**  
**27th Anniversary Celebration**  
**Sunday, March 10, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.**  
**Morning Worship Service**

*Order of Service*

*Rev. Jonas Watson*

***Ingress of Reverend Aaron & Sis. Alma J. Brasfield, Jr.***  
***Escorted By: Bro. Ezzard and Sis. Denise Price***

*Devotion*

*Deacons & Praise Team*

*Church Notes, Announcements  
& Welcome*

*Sis. Rochelle Hudson*

*Special Announcement*

*Bro. Aaron Wright*

*Selections*

*Sis. Cora J. Taylor*

*Introduction of Guest Pastor*

*Rev. Jonas Watson*

***Guest Pastor: Reverend Glenn P. Taylor***  
***UNION GROVE MB CHURCH CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE***

*Invitation to Discipleship*  
***(Soloist Bro. Danny Steward)***

*Minister*

*Tithes, Offering & Gifts*

***Presentation of the Roses***  
***Songstress: Sis. Cynthia Chambers***  
***Trea Gaines and Mariah Gaines***

*Remarks*  
*Remarks*

*Sis. Veronica Gaines*  
*Rev. Aaron Brasfield, Jr., Pastor*

*Blessing of Food  
& Benediction*

*Rev. Glenn P. Taylor*  
*Union Grove M.B. Church*



*JEREMIAH 20:9*

*IT'S NOT OVER UNTIL GOD  
SAY'S IT'S OVER*

*The Anniversary Committee salutes  
our beloved and esteemed Pastor  
for his continued dedication,  
sacrifices, and love for this  
Community, Church God's people,  
and kingdom-building endeavors*

*represented by 27 years of loyal service to the First Baptist Institutional  
Church Family.*

*Reverend Brasfield stands steadfast on the word of God and Christian  
doctrines and reprises God's purpose for our lives an assignment from  
God that he embraces completely and sincerely.*

*We are beyond blessed to have this humble servant committed to Gods  
word and its application to our daily lives. The Anniversary Committee  
is grateful for your guidance and love. We are so honored to celebrate  
and gleam from this 27-year legacy of gospel greatness.*

*We shower you with limitless thanks and infinite blessings and prayers  
as you continue to be empowered and guided by God to pursue His  
divine will.....It is not over!*





*Happy 27th Anniversary  
Rev. Aaron Brasfield, Jr and Sis. Alma J. Brasfield*



*From the Entire  
First Baptist Institutional  
Church Family*