

May 2021

Greetings, Beloved Church Family!

By God's grace, we have made it to the fifth month of this year, and to God be the glory!

I pray that you continue to find reasons to rejoice in the God of our salvation. The mercies of the Lord continue to endure, and for that we should be glad!

The past month found us celebrating a risen Savior Who continues to show us His love and grace. It likewise gave to us the opportunity to anticipate the gift of the Holy Spirit Who, on the Day of Pentecost, birthed the Church into existence. On the fourth Sunday of this month (May 23rd) we will commemorate Pentecost—the coming of the Holy Spirit! And we will give glory to God for the indwelling presence of God Who, by His Spirit, never leaves us or forsakes us.

But before we get to Pentecost, we must celebrate Mother's Day! On the second Sunday of this month (May 9th), we will honor all of our mothers—even those who have passed from labor to reward. We are grateful that God chose to bless our lives with biological, adoptive, foster, surrogate, stepmothers and even play mothers, who love and nurture their children and other folks' children because that's how God created them to be. I likewise praise God for a select group of elder women known as "Church Mothers"! Without them, many of us would not be who we are today.

But before we get to Mother's Day, and all month long, we celebrate the fact that it's Revival Time! Every year in May and October we are blessed by the preaching prowess of those who have been called and anointed to proclaim the unsearchable riches of the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ. Beginning on the 5th of this month, and each subsequent Wednesday at 7pm, we will experience *Wednesdays in the Word: Anniversary Edition!* As usual, it's going to be a phenomenal experience as we welcome back to Wheeler Avenue, Dr. Claybon Lea, Dr. F. Bruce Williams, Pastor H.B. Charles and Dr. John R. Adolph to help revive our spirits through the proclamation of the Word of God, in preparation for the celebration of our 59th Church Anniversary on the first Sunday of June.

Whew! That's a lot! But wait, there's more! Please indulge me a point of personal privilege as I celebrate the life of Mrs. Audrey Marie Cosby! I mentioned May 9th as Mother's Day this year. But it's likewise the birthday of Mrs. Cosby, and we look forward to that dual celebration of her life and the fact that she brought five precious lives into the world. Please join me in celebrating her years of life on this planet and the gift that she is to our family.

Ok! I think that's all! Let's have a phenomenal fifth month as we give glory to God for all the great things He has done, is doing and plans to do in our individual lives and in the life of our great church!

Wheeler Avenue is almost 59 years old!!!!
Did I mention we have reasons to rejoice?

Still Reimagining Our Future,

M. D. Cosby