



Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church  
*Equip the Saints for Ministry*

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### **Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church celebrating 25 years of ‘God’s grace and mercy’**

*Year-long silver anniversary to highlight history, support to congregation and community*

**Minneapolis— December 17, 2017—** [Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church](#) (FMBC) during a vibrant worship service, today launched its year-long Silver Anniversary celebration. [Reverend Albert Gallmon, Jr.](#), interim senior pastor, proclaimed how “God has kept Fellowship” and stressed the rich and significant history. Rev. Gallmon was first called as senior pastor of FMBC in 1996 and served until 2007; he began his second tenure with the church as Interim Senior Pastor, earlier this year.

Today’s 10 a.m. praise-filled worship celebration included special musical renditions by the Mass Choir under the direction of FMBC’s Music Director, the renowned Billy Steele; ministering by the Stepping Saints and the Agape Angels praise dancers; and the sermon by guest preacher, the [Rev. Dr. Brian C. Herron, Sr.](#), pastor of Minneapolis-based Zion Baptist Church.

FMBC was founded in 2002 by a group of 25 people who gathered weekly at West River Parkway. The numbers increased, and members eventually moved into shared space with Luther Memorial Lutheran Church. The congregation and its ministries continued rapid growth. Leadership then sought and secured affiliation with both the American Baptist Churches, USA and the National Baptist Convention Association.

FMBC’s flourishing congregation was reflected with the establishment of an increasing number of ministries to engage and serve the church: Deacons, Trustees and Christian Education Boards; ministries for women and men, annual revivals, youth ministries and seniors. Church leaders say that through prayer, the leadership and church body believed it was important to have Ephesians 4:11-16 “...equip the saints for ministry...” serve as its foundation.

FMBC’s leaders say they prayed and held several meetings, then arrived at the decision to build its own edifice now located at 3355 North 4th Street in Minneapolis. The groundbreaking, attended by dignitaries, was held in 2002. Then, in 2003, Rev. Gallmon led church and community members on a resounding and vibrant march through the streets of north Minneapolis to their new church home that was followed by a brief ceremony and ribbon cutting.

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Recognizing the need for more space to serve the needs of the community and church activities, FMBC later added the Center for Families.

“We are awed by God’s goodness and all He has done for us. When we decided to build, we were intentional about remaining in north Minneapolis. FMBC now has several thriving ministries that includes a stellar music ministry and other ministries ranging from youth engagement that allows expression in a contemporary worship manner such as stepping and praise dance; our mission ministry partnerships to ensure northside residents receive fresh produce and clothing; health and wellness sessions; to caring for our seniors. And we also recognize the importance of keeping pace with the rapidly changing social media and technological environments,” says Rev. Gallmon. He continues, “There’s much work to be done – with the violence and poverty that continue to plague the good people of the northside. However, we’re standing on the legacy of the hope and faith of church founders by continuing as a church that leaves a positive spiritual footprint through feeding the souls and spirits of the congregation and in turn, the broader community.”

FMBC’s 2018 annual golf tournament and myriad weekend activities that support the church’s youth initiatives, including a youth mission trip, will be held the third weekend in July and will include what planners are calling a “Homecoming Celebration” for past members and the community.

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