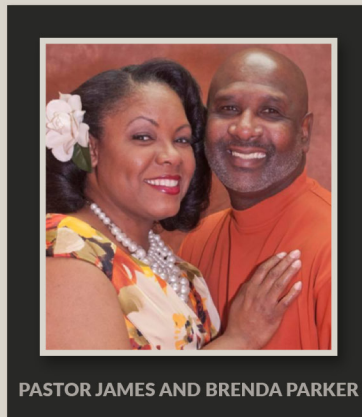




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Every Sunday at 10:00am

We are overjoyed that God has led you to Great Faith Christian Center (GFCC). Your spiritual walk at GFCC will be a journey from salvation, to an intimate relationship with God, through spirit-filled teaching, prayer, praise, worship, and fellowship. We are excited about what God is doing in your life.

Whether you have come by Christian experience or if you accepted Jesus Christ as Savior for the first time, we pray that this is an unforgettable milestone and the beginning of your new life in Him. We genuinely welcome you and look forward to getting to know you.

Once again we are grateful that you joined our spiritual family.



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VISION OF GREAT FAITH CHRISTIAN CENTER

Loving God, loving people, making a difference in the lives of people, and training disciples of Jesus everywhere we go.

MISSION OF GREAT FAITH CHRISTIAN CENTER

We are here to worship God, share Jesus Christ, teach the Word of God, minister to the people of God, and to be salt and light in the world. We are striving to be a church on its knees before God. Forgetting what is behind and striving toward what is ahead, we press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called us heavenward in Christ Jesus. Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. To evangelize to the world by empowering the whole man (spirit, soul and body). The Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is our foundation for developing organizations, programs and services dedicated to maturing the whole man. One of the ways we evangelize is through our martial arts outreach, Shield of Faith Christian Taekwondo.

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WHAT WE BELIEVE AND TEACH (STATEMENT OF FAITH)

- God is triune. There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. (I John 5:4-6 ; Acts 10:38)
- Jesus Christ is true God and true man. (John 1:1-3; Hebrews 4:14)
- The Holy Spirit is a divine person. (Matthew 3:16; Romans 8:9)
- The Old and New Testaments are God's divinely inspired Words. (II Timothy 3:16)
- All have sinned and come short of the glory of God and are in need of salvation. (Romans 3:21-30; Galatians 4:4-7)
- Salvation has been provided for all men through the shed blood of Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary. (Matthew 26:28; Acts 2:38)
- It is the will of God that every believer be filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 1:8; Acts 2:3-4)
- Healing is provided in the redemptive work of Christ and is available to every believer. (Isaiah 53:4-5; I Peter 2:24)
- The Church consists of all those who have received Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. (Romans 12:5; Ephesians 4:4)
- There shall be a bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust. (John 5:24, 28-29)
- There shall be a personal, visible, imminent return of Jesus Christ. (I Thessalonians 4:16-17)
- Water baptism is an outward sign of the inward act of receiving Jesus as Savior. (Matthew 28:19)
- Observance of the Lord's Supper in remembrance of Jesus. (I Corinthians 11:24-30)

JAMES O. PARKER III

PASTOR

"Don't accept, receive, or claim anything that does not exalt God or give Him Glory!"

- James O. Parker III



Pastor James O. Parker, III, is a native of Hampton, Virginia. He accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior at an early age. In 2001, he accepted his call into the ministry and was ordained by Pastor Steve Parson, Sr., who is the Pastor of the Richmond Christian Center, Richmond, Virginia.

Equipped to move forward in ministry, Pastor Parker has served faithfully in the following churches: Ivy Baptist Church, Christian House of Prayer, Richmond Christian Center, and Washington Community Church, where he was the Pastoral Counselor. He is currently the Pastor of Great Faith Christian Center, and also teaches at the School of Ministry at Great Faith Christian Center, equipping Ministers to teach the word of God.

God has allowed Pastor Parker to travel the nation and the world to preach at various venues. Beginning August 2007, he ministered faithfully in Tikrit, Iraq for one year. In 2008, he ministered in Asaka, Japan while on military duty with his unit. He also traveled to Ireland, Canada, and Germany to minister the Word of God.

Pastor Parker earned his Bachelor's degree in Governmental Administration from Christopher Newport College in Newport News, Virginia in 1987. In 2001, he completed Biblical Studies at the Richmond Christian Center Bible Institute in Richmond, VA. He earned his MBA in Logistics with a concentration in Supply Chain Management from Touro University, Vallejo, California in May 2007. In 2015, he earned a Master of Arts in Theology with a concentration in Pastoral Care and Pastoral Counseling from Ohio Christian University in Circleville, OH.

Pastor Parker served in the military from 1987 to 2017. He was a Commissioned Officer from 1987 until 2000 serving on active duty and achieving the rank of Captain. Between 1995 and 2000 he served in the United States Air Force as the Assistant Chief of Supply. In 2000, he resigned his commission, however, in 2003, God guided him back into the military as an enlisted soldier where he continued

to serve proudly with the 29th Division, as a senior logistician under a two-star Command, until retiring from the United States Army on 31 December 2017 at the rank of Captain.

Pastor Parker's ministerial mission is to continue to moving forward in God's word, and to continue growing his the church as he continues to follow His will. He is striving to be a man of God on his knees before God. To; and to evangelize the world by empowering the whole man (spirit, soul and body). God has allowed Pastor Parker to travel the nation and the world to preach at various venues. Beginning August 2007, he ministered faithfully in Tikrit, Iraq for one year. In 2008, he ministered in Asaka, Japan while on military duty with his unit. He also traveled to Ireland, Canada, and Germany to minister the Word of God.

He has been married to his best friend, the exquisite Brenda D. Parker, for over 30 years, and are blessed with four children: Brittney, James IV, Jody, and William.



Brenda D. Parker is a native of Hampton, Virginia, and has been in ministry all her life. With her family being a military family, she travel to many places in the world. She received Christ and was baptized at an early age.

She was ordained as a Minster of the Gospel in 2000 under the Leadership of Pastor Steve Parson, the Pastor of Richmond Christian Center. In 2004, she became the Minister of Music for Faith Alive International Ministries in Washington DC under the leadership of Pastor John Brewer. She faithfully held this position until June of 2014.

Brenda just loves when people get caught up in worship. She states that "there are times when we are worshipping that I sense God's approval and that's what it's all about, doing what is pleasing to the Lord. It's during these intimate times with God that lives are being transformed."

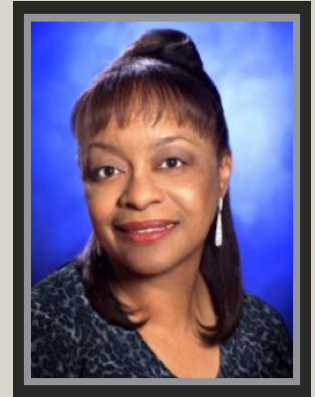
As the wife of a Pastor, she has a heart for God's people and has traveled with her husband worshipping God in song. As a dynamic duo, she and her husband set hearts ablaze with a zeal to help people find more of God.

**"FOR WITH GOD NOTHING IS
EVER IMPOSSIBLE, AND NO
WORD FROM GOD IS WITHOUT
POWER OR IMPOSSIBLE OF
FULFILLMENT."**

- LUKE 1:37 (AMP)

GWENDOLYN G. YOUNG

OVERSEER PASTOR



Gwendolyn G. Young is the Founder and Executive Director of Gwendolyn Young Ministries, Inc. She is a prolific teacher and preacher of the Word of God.

In 2010, Pastor Young planted a church called The Lord's Healing Church, Inc. (TLHC), 'Providing Healing, Hope, and Wholeness for all people through Jesus'; it is 'The Home of the Miracle Worker'! This congregation is making a mark for Jesus upon a lost and dying world. The vision of The Lord's Healing Church is to see God's people influencing and impacting the world through the manifested image of Jesus the Christ in their lives.

Gwendolyn has more than thirty years of experience in education as both public- and Christian-school teacher, and as an assistant supervisor in the Licensure Office of the VA Department of Education. She served as the principal of Genesis Preparatory Academy, a Christian elementary school and, 21 years as an instructor for and the Dean of the Faith Alive Bible Institute and School of Ministry.

Pastor Young's evangelism experience started in the 1980's when she began door-to-door witnessing and accompanied Bishop Corletta Vaughn in ministry throughout the east coast of the USA and internationally in Bermuda. Yet, until 2005, when she embarked upon her first missionary journey to Africa, Pastor Young's perspective of the mission field was that it was a ministry for anyone other than herself. She cites that first mission experience to Ghana, West Africa in 2005 as one that was life altering because she now recognizes and acknowledges missions as a vital characteristic of her role in fulfilling the Great Commission. She has now either led or participated in more than 21 missionary journeys to Africa and South America.

Pastor Young served as an Assistant Pastor and Minister of Christian Education of Richmond Christian Center, located in Richmond, VA; where she was ordained and licensed in to minister the glorious gospel in 1988. In 2007 and 2008, Pastor Young served as the interim Pastor of Faith Alive International Ministries of Washington, D.C.

"My greatest desire is to see people live victoriously by entering into relationship with God through His Word. It is not enough for us to learn or to memorize Scriptures; though that is fundamental. More importantly, one must come to know Jesus, who is the incarnate Word. Most people long for an intimate relationship with God. Yet, few know how to obtain, or enter into, such a relationship. That's why I pray, 'Lord, love your people through me'. I want people to know Him and His way of doing things."

Pastor Young is the mother of one son: Micah Edward; three granddaughters: Kaylyn Nicole, Mycah Aliyyah, and Alicia Monae.

GENERAL CHURCH INFORMATION

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For counseling appointments, baby dedications, funeral services, spiritual guidance, hospital visits, any comments, concerns, or other needs, please feel free to contact the administrator at gr8tfaitbcc@gmail.com.

If at any time you wish to meet with the pastor or pastoral staff for any reason, please contact us to schedule an appointment.

New Member's Orientation

Heroic New Members Team exists to help new members develop a closer relationship with God. This is accomplished as we REACH all New Members of GFCC and help them CONNECT with other Christians. In turn, they will GROW in their faith, and we will CHALLENGE that growth as they DISCOVER their ministry and HONOR God with their life! At Great Faith Christian Center, each person 12 years of age and older must complete a series of New Member Orientation classes. The classes are covered in the booklet entitled, "Your New Life in Him: A Guide for New Church Members", in five one-hour sessions.

Options for Completing New Member's Orientation

Sunday's from 11:30 A.M. until 12:30 P.M.

Thursday's from 7:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.

Baptism

Quarterly immediately following Sunday Worship Service.

Graduation & Right Hand of Fellowship

After the completion of the New Member Orientation classes, New Members are eligible for to receive the right hand of fellowship.

LESSONS INCLUDE

Lesson 1:

- (1) The Triune God: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- (2) The Holy Spirit is a Divine Person.

Lesson 2:

- (1) All have sinned and come short of the Glory of God and are in need of salvation.
- (2) Salvation has been provided through Jesus Christ for all men.
- (3) Prayer.
- (4) It is the will of God that every believer be filled with the Holy Spirit.
- (5) Healing is provided in the redemptive work of Christ and is available to every believer.
- (6) The Old and New Testaments are God's divinely inspired words.

Lesson 3:

- (1) The Church consists of all those who have received Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.
- (2) There shall be a bodily resurrection of the just and of the unjust.
- (3) The personal, visible, imminent return of Jesus Christ. Baptisms.

Lesson 4:

- (1) The observance of the Lord's Supper.
- (2) Faith: How we get it, what it is, how we use it.
- (3) The gifts of the Holy Spirit: What they are and how they are used in the Church.
- (4) Gifts of Christ to the Church.

Lesson 5:

- (1) Tithing and Stewardship.

QUICK REFERENCE TEACHINGS

Salvation: God wants us to have assurance of our salvation. We should not live our lives wondering and worrying each day whether or not we are really saved. The Bible makes the plan of salvation very clear. The bible says, Believe in Jesus Christ” (John 3:16; Acts 16:31). “If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved” (Romans 10:9). So the question is, Have you repented? Do you believe that Jesus died to pay the penalty for your sins and rose again from the dead (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)? Do you trust Him alone for salvation? Assurance means freedom from doubt. By taking God’s Word to heart, you can have no doubt about the reality of your eternal salvation. So if you answered yes to those questions above, read below for the next step you must take.

Prayer of Salvation: At this point you will solidify the salvation process by leading the person in a prayer of repentance (to repent means to changes one’s mind and to turn away from sin, 180 degrees) and salvation by having them raise their hands as an act of submission to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (1 John 1:9). Do you want to receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ? Then pray this prayer and you shall be born again. Lord, I admit that I am a sinner. I repent right now of all my sins. Lord, Jesus, you are the Christ. The Son of the living God you died for all my sins. And I believe with all my heart that you died on the cross for all my sins and that you rose again. You did what I could not do for myself. I come to you now and ask you to take control of my life; I give it to you. From this day forward, help me to live every day for you and in a way that pleases you. Now come into my heart Lord Jesus, I receive you know. I make you the Lord of Life. I believe with all my heart that I am now saved and born again. Now, help me to live for you the rest of this life. Now thank you, heavenly Father, for giving me the Son, I am saved now in Jesus name, Amen. That’s it, you are now born again and are now in the family of God!

Receiving the Holy Spirit: The apostle Paul taught that we receive the Holy Spirit the moment we receive Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. Romans 8:9 tells us that if a person does not possess the Holy Spirit, he or she does not belong to Christ: “You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.” First Corinthians 12:13 says, “For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free, and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.” Ephesians 1:13-14 teaches us that the Holy Spirit is the seal of salvation for all those who believe: “Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession, to the praise of his glory.”

What is Baptism: Water baptism symbolizes the believer’s total trust and total reliance on the Lord Jesus Christ, as well as a commitment to live obediently in Him. Water Baptism expresses unity with all the saints (Ephesians 2:19), with every person in every nation on earth who is a member of the Body of Christ. However, let’s make this perfectly clear, Water baptism is not what saves us. Instead, we are saved by grace through faith, apart from works (Ephesians 2:8–9). We are baptized because our Lord commanded has commanded us to by stating in His word: “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19).

Water baptism is for believers. Before we are baptized, we must come to believe that we are sinners in need of salvation (Romans 3:23). We must also believe that Christ died on the cross to pay for our sins, that He was buried, and that He was resurrected to assure our place in heaven (1 Corinthians 15:1–4). When we turn to Jesus, asking Him to forgive our sins and be our Lord and Savior, we are born again by the power of the Holy Spirit. Our eternal salvation is guaranteed, and we begin to die to ourselves and live for Christ (1 Peter 1:3–5). At that time we are scripturally ready to be baptized. Christians should be baptized out of obedience to and love for our Lord Jesus (John 14:15). Water baptism by immersion is the biblical method of water baptism because of its figurative representation of the death, burial, and resurrection of

our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Baptism in the Holy Spirit: The baptism in the Holy Spirit is the empowering for service that takes place in the life of the Christian. Baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues is a gift given freely from God to His born-again children. God gave this gift on the day of Pentecost. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is the empowering for service that takes place in the life of the Christian. Traditionally it follows repentance, saving faith, and baptism (Hebrews 6:1-2). The only qualification to receiving this gift is that you must be saved and born again. Acts 2:38 says, Peter said to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

You must also understand that it's scriptural that to receive this gift of the Holy Spirit, it is through the laying on of hands. Acts 8:14:17 says, “Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For He had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they began laying their hands on them, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit.”

When we give ourselves to Jesus, the Holy Spirit comes to live within us. The Holy Spirit places us into Jesus. In turn, Jesus immerses us in the power of the Holy Spirit, and from the experience comes the ability to reproduce the works of Jesus, including miracles and healings (John 14:12-16, Acts 1:5, 8).

Before He ascended into heaven, Jesus said, “John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit” (Acts 1:5). He also said, “You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you: And you shall be witnesses to me” (Acts 1:8). GFCC believes in speaking in tongues. The bible says we speak in tongues; we pray the perfect prayer unto God. This gift gives also gives us power, and we all need God's power. Speaking in tongues can benefit a person. Paul states: “He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself (1 Corinthians 14:4). Speaking in tongues can help you express what is in your spirit and which you cannot express with words. This experience is available to every born-again Christian. Now there is also the gift of tongues. That teaching will be taught in the new member's orientation.

How to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit: To receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, all you have to do is ask your heavenly Father for it. God wants every believer to be filled with the Holy Spirit and speak in other tongues.

Ask God right now. Receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit just as you received Jesus—by faith, by believing God's Word. You are His child and He is your Father. God is poised and ready to baptize you in His Holy Spirit when you ask Him.

Simply repeat this prayer out loud: Dear Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus, and I desire to be baptized with Your Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. Your Word says that I can have it, and I believe what You have said. I receive this gift by faith in Jesus' Name. I thank You Father that I am baptized with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues! That's it! You have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit!

Now it's very possible you felt nothing. In some cases, no new language comes out initially. But your receiving the Holy Spirit has nothing to do with feelings or what happens on the outside. God's Word said that if you ask, you will receive. That means by faith you have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Practice speaking in other tongues. It doesn't matter if you start with one syllable words or how silly you think you sound. Just keep praying and God will strengthen you in your heavenly prayer language. There are many people who receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and do not pray in tongues right away. Don't be discouraged, it will come. Just don't give up!

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