

Vision Minded Ministry

Freewill is a Christ-Centered,
Biblically Based ministry,
called to **Engage, Equip** and
Empower the people of God.

Our vision is to reach the lost
and teach the found. We do
so by creating an
atmosphere of transformation
where we see people saved,
healed, set free and serving.

Our mission is to help each
person at Freewill **Believe** in
Jesus; **Belong** to the family
of faith; **Become** a follower
of God; and **Build** God's
kingdom on earth.

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Freewill Be FREE – A Church on the Move for Christ

John 8:36 says; “**So if the Son sets you FREE, you will be FREE indeed.**” In 2024, we kicked the year off in a sermon series entitled **Be Free**. Freedom is often defined as the release from bondage on the journey one takes to being fully restored. For the believer, it’s our ability to be restored **in** and **to** the abundant life that Christ has ordained for us to live. It was then, as it continues to be now, our prayer that each member and friend of this church would not only Know Freedom but Experience and Walk in the Freedom that only our God can give.

While freedom is offered generously to all, this privilege that was paid for through the sacrifice and shed blood of our Lord Jesus, must be pursued and received by those it was intended. I submit to you that God has called us to this freedom, and we now have the opportunity to walk boldly as the Free sons and daughters of the King we’ve been created, purposed and ordained to be.

Let me give warning however that we must be attentive and alert because at any given moment, our Freedom can be threatened by the distracting attempts to divide. While we

know that division is an act of the enemy and in direct opposition to the Will of God, we celebrate that God has called us to a space and spirit of Unity. Psalms 133 tells us that when we walk together as one, God will command a blessing. This is a blessing that will command your journey, assignment and yes, your Freedom. As we continue to move Freewill FORWARD, I pray that we would

- *Be FREE from unnecessary baggage*
- *Be FREE from unhealthy financial debt*
- *Be FREE from other people's opinions*
- *Be FREE from Fear*
- *Be FREE from the pain of your past*
- *Be FREE from your failures*
- *Be FREE from whatever has you bound*

As 2024 started with a reminder of our Freedom, it ended with a reminder that this Freedom is lovingly given to all Gods people and available with No Strings Attached!

*Enjoy this issue to recap and celebrate the
FMBC accomplishments of 2024!*



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Elevation Sunday

New FMBC Ministers

In December of 2024, we celebrated 8-students who successfully completed the **Minister In Training** program here at FMBC. Six of the students received their Ministry License and we welcome them as New Ministers to the FMBC Team:

- * Pastor DeAnthony Gibby
- * Min. Michael Brown Sr.
- * Min. Stephanie Gill
- * Min. Ronnie Henderson Jr.
- * Min. Thomas London Jr.
- * Min. Bhunica Osborne

Each new minister has received a ministry assignment, and we look forward to how God will use and grow their calling.

Welcome to the FMBC Team

We're thrilled that in 2024, God continued to grow our team with dedicated faith leaders who help us fulfill the assignment that God has placed on this church. In 2024, we welcomed:

New Trustee

Edaine Wilson

Drummer

Morris (MJ) Provo Jr.

New Usher Leads

Maxine Means
Mary Holley

New Repast Lead

Gwen Brown



Radical Praise Youth Ministry ...

What's Happening?

In 2024, we hired a Full Time Youth Pastor, and we kicked off our full-time Youth Church held every Sunday.

In April of 2024, we welcomed DeAnthony W. Gibby as our first full-time Radical Praise Youth Pastor. Pastor D brings with him a great knowledge and background of serving young people, their families and community. He has the responsibility of developing healthy relationships with our youth and their parents as we strive to strengthen their faith walks and journey.

We are not only grateful for the onboarding of Pastor D., but we want to extend a special Thank You to the members of the FMBC ministry who lifted prayer and believed God with us to do what some may have thought to be impossible. We know and believe the word that reminds us "*All things are possible to them that believe.*" (Mark 9:23) Thank You for your faith and trust and thank you for welcoming Pastor D. and his family into FMBC.

With the hiring of our new youth pastor, 2024 brought with it the opportunity to grow our Radical Praise leadership and support team. Most of all, it gave us the ability to offer full time youth church every Sunday to youth of all ages (grade 12th and below). These services have allowed our young people to get and remain excited about worship



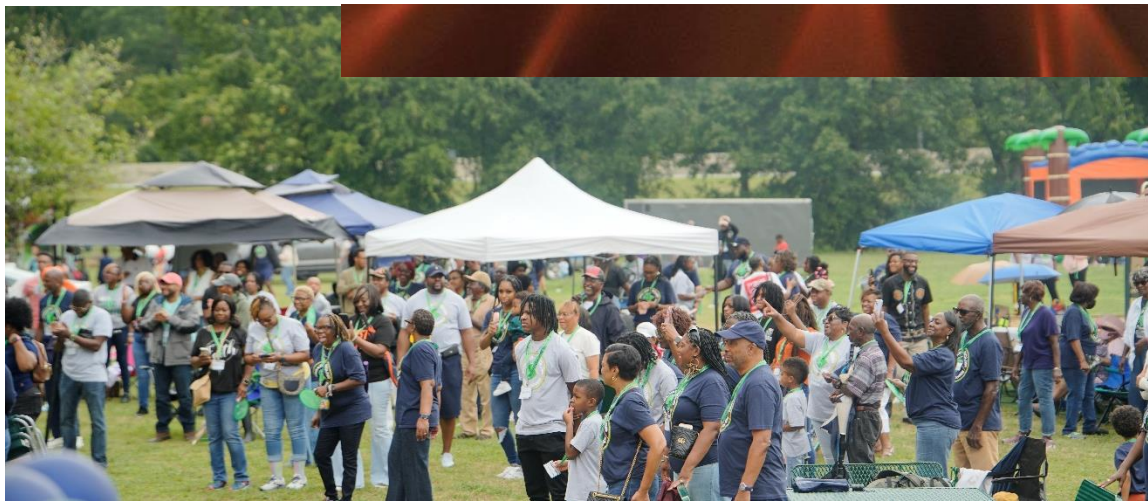
and doing so in a unique environment that is suited for them. Some of the highlights of 2024 in the Radical Praise Youth ministry include a few memorable moments. In April **Parents Night Out** was held, giving parents a break as our youth gathered for a time of food, fun and fellowship.

In October, the Radical Youth ministry held our first **Youth Day** in over 4-years. There, we saw the reemergence of the youth choir and radical praise dance team; what an exciting time to see the youth worshipping in those ministries again. Also in October, we had a chance to celebrate with a Community Partner in Education, *Life Academy*, to

host our annual **Fall Festival** (*Happy Hallelujah*)

During this event, we served over 1,000 kids and adults as they had an amazing time

participating in games, bouncy houses, and Trunk or Treat goodies. Freewill as we look forward to 2025 let's thank God for what He's done in 2024, however, let's not stop there, but thank Him in advance for what he's going to do through our youth in the new year and beyond.



FMBCare BENEVOLENCE and Outreach

In Acts 20:25, Paul reminds us of the words of Jesus who said, **“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”** These are words that we certainly believe and live by as a ministry which is why we have committed to giving as the hands and feet of Jesus here in the earth. In 2024:

- Over 1,560-bags of groceries were given from FMBC Food Bank.
- Over 106 families were given financial support to help with mortgage, rent and utility payments.
- More than 20 schools, organizations, and non-profits received a financial seed on behalf of FMBC.

Project HOPE Christmas Help

Project Hope was an amazing event that allowed families in need to come and shop within our pop-up store for gifts and gadgets to have an exciting Christmas. Items were wrapped and all of this was done at No Charge to those in need. We served:

- ❖ **Over 70 Families**
- ❖ **Over 162 Children**
- ❖ **800 + Gifts**

Ministry In Action – Serving God’s People

2024 allowed us to do ministry and serve the people of God in some creative, fun and unique ways. We kicked off the early part of the year with **College Connection Sunday**, inviting students from local colleges and universities, along with the alumni of several schools to come and represent their college/univ. Young people throughout the Montgomery area joined us to help celebrate and received a powerful word to aid them in their journey. At the end of April, we hosted our **Sneaker**

Sunday where God allowed us to **Walk Out our Faith**. Several of you made the commitments to transform your lives by trusting God for a change. Some of you gave up habits like smoking and drinking while others took a leap of faith in giving and serving. No matter the Faith Step you took, we’re thankful that you placed your trust in God to guide you as you commit to **Walking Out Your Faith**. Another exciting event that took place in 2024 was our 1st **Church Beyond Walls**

Family & Friends Day! Held at Gateway Park, the day started a bit dreary due to rain, but quickly turned into a powerful and impactful time of fellowship and sharing with loved ones and friends. We rounded the year out with hosting a Sunday service for **Mental Health Awareness**. Understanding that so many within our community suffer with conditions that can alter one’s mental stability, it was important for us to help break the stigma and let people know that they are not alone.

Gift of Giving – 2024 Ministry Financial Update

Our promise is to be good stewards over that which God has given.

We are thrilled that for yet another year, we’ve continued to maintain a healthy financial outlook. Process improvements are underway and necessary spends / investments are being made to maintain and upkeep our campus. Because of you, our members and friends who give generously and faithfully, we continue to be able to do ministry. **THANK YOU!**

Once again, for another consecutive year, revenues are up and exceed the previous year by a 3.5% YoY increase. We celebrate the:

- 1,078 givers
- 7,305 Gifts
- and Vision Partners

On behalf of the FMBC Leaders, Thank You for supporting the **Vision** and **Ministry** of the Freewill Church.

every contribution is
hugely valued

thank
you!

final thoughts and looking ahead to 2025 ...



A VISION of Growth

Join me in prayer as we believe God for:

* *Creative and Innovative Growth that we may think, work, and operate more broadly and uniquely concerning our future and the methods of our ministry.*

* *Spiritual Growth that our faith might be matured and our walk with God may grow closer, consistent, and stronger.*

* *In a world where so many are choosing the Culture over Christ, pray that we Grow in the number of people who Choose Christ to be their Savior and Lord!*

upcoming events

- **21-Days of Fasting & Prayer**

Each year, we engage together in a church-wide time of *Fasting and Prayer*. In 2025, we're first studying lessons to help us gain a better Understanding of the Purpose & Power of Prayer and in March, we'll enter a season of 21-Days. We pray that each member will join us in this sacred time to draw closer to our God.

- **FMBC turns 60-years old in 2025.**

In 2025, FMBC will celebrate six-decades of ministry and being a light in this community. As we prepare, we want to celebrate by continuing the legacy of doing what we've always done, **Giving**. Event planning is already underway, and we trust that each member will join in the celebration for 60-years of service!

final thoughts from the Pastor

As I head into my 5th year of serving as your Pastor, I am excited about the work God has allowed us to achieve. The FMBC ministry continues to grow in many ways, and I couldn't be more grateful for the blessings God continues to release in our church. As I serve, I pray daily for each of you and your families, trusting that as we progress further into 2025, we will put behind us those things that can so easily distract us so that we focus and together fulfill the assignment that God has given this church.

Will you join me in a deeper, more intentional focus on Prayer as we still believe that **A Praying Church is a Powerful Church**. Will you join in standing together against all that tries to cause division within our church, community and homes? Will you trust God and do your part in helping us walk in the Unity and Love that we've been called? As we do, I trust we will see the manifestation of God through:

- ❖ Spiritual Growth in our faith and prayer habits to believe and see the power of God move.
- ❖ Improved online presence and experience to share the gospel with a world who no longer sees the church building as the epicenter of ministry.
- ❖ Each member becoming an ambassador not only of our church, but of the Kingdom of God, making a point to invite others to join us, especially those who may not know Christ at all.
- ❖ A full renovation of our Youth Center to be more kid/youth friendly and welcoming of everyone.



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