

15<sup>th</sup> PASTORAL  
*Anniversary*  
CELEBRATORY EXPERIENCE



PASTOR TYRONE L. & LADY SELNETTA  
JOHNSON

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NEW OAK GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
3200 HEAD RIVER ROAD | VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23457



## THE GUEST PREACHER

REVEREND DR. JEROME LEE, JR.

**REVEREND DR. JEROME LEE, JR.** serves as esteemed pastor of St. James Baptist Church in Greensboro, NC where he has been faithfully serving since May, 2011. Under his leadership, St. James is growing spiritually, numerically, and progressively moving forward in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century as new ministries are being birthed. Prior to his arrival, Dr. Lee previously served as the 13<sup>th</sup> pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Painter, Virginia for 12 years.



Serving God has allowed him to not only minister in the US but has also taken him abroad to West Africa, South Africa, South America and Jamaica, West Indies where he preached and performed mission work. Dr. Lee served as Second Vice-Moderator for the Eastern Shore of Virginia-Maryland Baptist Association and its Ministries consisting of 28 churches. In 2006, Dr. Lee was appointed the Association's Director of Christian Education, a position he held until he relocated to Greensboro. He also facilitated two 5-day workshops for the Baptist General Convention of Virginia - "How to Change Your Church without Killing It," and "Leadership Development in Rural Congregations." His affiliations include the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Kingdom Association of Covenant Pastors and the Hampton University Ministers Conference.

Dr. Lee earned his Doctorate of Ministry in May 2015 from Virginia Union University Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology. He also received his Master of Divinity from the Samuel D. Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University in May 2005. He was licensed in February, 1996 and ordained in August, 1999. Dr. Lee earned a certificate and a diploma in Christian Ministry from the James P. Boyce College of the Bible of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dr. Lee is married to the former Cynthia J. Adkins of Cheriton, Virginia. He is the son of Jerome Lee, Sr. and Sandra Y. Packett. He has one brother, Jeffrey J. Lee. In his spare time Rev. Lee likes to read. He also enjoys playing golf, fishing and keeping up with the latest technology.

# THE CELEBRATORY EXPERIENCE

A PASTOR WHO MAKES IT COUNT FOR MORE

EPH 15:15-17, JER 3:15

## THE ENTRANCE OF PASTOR TYRONE & LADY SELNETTA JOHNSON

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP** - Minister Shyheim Jones

**THE OPENING SELECTION** - NOGMBC Praise Team

**THE PRAYER** - Deacon Lee McKnight, Sr.

**THE SCRIPTURE READING** - Brother Caleb Gardner

**THE CHORAL RESPONSE** - NOGMBC Praise Team

**THE GREETINGS AND PURPOSE** - Sister Sarah Banks

**THE WORSHIP IN GIVING** - NOGMBC Officials

**THE MINISTRY OF DANCE** - Sisters Renaye Harrington & Makaylah Woodhouse

**THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER** - Minister Shyheim Jones

**THE SERMONIC SELECTION** - NOGMBC Praise Team

**THE CELEBRATORY MESSAGE** - Reverend Dr. Jerome Lee, Jr.  
*Pastor, St. James Baptist Church, Greensboro, NC*

**THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP** - Reverend Dr. Jerome Lee, Jr.

**THE INVITATIONAL SELECTION** - NOGMBC Praise Team

**THE REMARKS AND PRESENTATIONS** - Deacon William Malloy  
*Chairman*


**THE PASTORAL REMARKS** - First Lady & Pastor Johnson

**THE GRACE & BLESSING** - Reverend Dr. Jerome Lee, Jr.



Cake & Punch Reception to follow service.

*And  
I will  
give you  
pastors  
according  
to mine  
heart,  
which shall  
feed you  
with knowledge  
and understanding  
-Jeremiah 3:15.*



**REVEREND TYRONE L. JOHNSON** was fascinated when he read Matthew 20:28 which states, *“Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many,”* it was then that he knew that he wanted to be a Virginia Beach and retired as a Construction Inspector with over 35 years of service. He has served in the United States Army and the Virginia National Guard where during his tenure was deployed to the Gulf War; and currently serves on the board of the Court House Estates Home Owners Association

Reverend Johnson is a graduate of Tidewater Bible College where he pursued a Bachelor’s Degree in Christian Leadership. He has been afforded the opportunity to teach classes, hold seminars, serve as a revivalist, and to preach at various churches. On March 12, 2008 he was elected pastor-elect, and on April 27, 2008 was installed as Pastor of the New Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Virginia Beach, Virginia. He is a former member of the Hampton Roads Black Caucus, an organization whose goal is to raise funds to support those in the political arena whose platforms are beneficial to and/or are influential toward the African American Community. He is a member of FLAME (Fostering Leadership And Ministering Excellence); an organization founded by the Bishop Dwight Riddick, Sr. Pastor of Gethsemane Baptist Church, Newport News, VA. FLAME is made up of a delegation of preachers, whose purpose is to come together for the mutual benefit of “ministering to ministers” by sharing views and concepts in the vast areas of church life, and therefore enhancing their various ministries. He is also affiliated with the Steynburg Preaching Institute, a peer learning group also facilitated by Dr. Riddick that challenges preachers intellectually, academically and cognitively by striving to reach each ministry’s varied generations.

During Reverend Johnson’s tenure at New Oak Grove his vision led to the revamping of the church’s Seniors and Youth Ministries; strengthened church leadership roles and responsibility; added training for the Ministerial Staff; brought to fruition part one of an expansive building plan; established Oak Grove Hall, a premiere banquet facility; established a Summer Reading Academy; birthed an affiliation with Blackwater Baptist Church, a Caucasian church in the community wherein he was the first African American preacher to grace the pulpit there; formed various partnerships and relationships with Councilwoman Barbara Henley, former Congressman Scott Rigell, Norfolk Mayor Kenny Alexander, and other City and School Board Officials; facilitated various training and community service seminars; and has partnered with sister ministries to host Tri-Church Revivals and other relevant services. During the COVID 19 pandemic he formed a special committee to plan the church’s reopening after churches and business closed their doors, March 2020. Reverend Johnson has been blessed to have received many accomplishments and achievements, but most importantly is blessed to be called a “Fisher of Men.” He is most proud that God has allowed him to serve His people in a way that is beyond comprehension, and mimics Jesus’ words in Matthew 20:28, *“He came not to be served, but he came to serve.”* NLV

God has joined him together with his lovely wife, First Lady Selnetta Johnson, “Lady J”, and they make their home in Virginia Beach, Virginia. They are the proud parents of two daughters, Lakisha (Damion), and Tanisha (Kevin), and grandparents to three grandsons, Reshaun, Daylen, and Dayce; and a granddaughter, Serenity Renae.

Reverend Johnson’s favorite scripture is Matthew 6:33, *“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”*



A TRIBUTE TO

# Lady I

*An adaptation of the poem  
Godly Woman by Andile Andy*

A woman who walks in God's love, reflecting the beauty of the father above; who is not defeated by things most men find tough.

A woman who's not just a pretty face but a woman of God's grace beholding God's face; a woman who lives knowing she's headed heaven in God's place.

A woman of good character not better competence; a woman who symbolizes the goodness of God by her excellence, a woman who prays for her house and other residences.

She walks with the Lord, shouting, pleading show us the ways of God, we're talking about a woman who's 'B.A.D.' - Baptized And Delivered. We're talking about a woman who's 'M.A.D.' - Magnificent And Devoted.

We're talking about our forever loved lovable Leading Lady; who helps us see the best in our daddy.

A woman who's blessed and knows that can never be reversed; a woman who does not drink, but raises the bar; a woman who prays to properly think before making decisions that will put her away from God afar.

A woman of noble character like Ruth who teaches her family that only God is the truth; a woman who would ask God to tell satanic thoughts to get off her; a woman who would never sacrifice faith by what the world has to offer.

A woman who conquers like how Ester conquered Haman; a woman who makes the best out of a man, we're talking about this Godly woman,

## Selnetta Johnson

# A PASTORAL BLESSING

*By Carrie Kinyon*

**W**e bow in earnest prayer, a church united in love. As we pray for our pastor, to our Savior up above. You sent him to us Father, to preach your Word so true. To guide us in the way that's right, and always look to you.

Be with him when he's discouraged, let him see your guiding light. Guide him on life's pathway, be with him day and night. He's been ever faithful, in the task you've given him to do.

We want to honor him today, and so we're asking you. Give him strength to overcome life's battles, fill his cup to over flow. And if there's any doubt of how we feel, help him to always know.

We appreciate all he does, his efforts are not in vain. Lord, we thank you for our pastor, we thank you in Jesus name. Amen.



# MAKE IT COUNT FOR MORE

*Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. (Ephesians 5:15-16)*

The whole is almost always worth more than its component pieces. In 1924, Dr. Charles H. Mayo estimated the value of the human body in a light hearted piece in the Northwestern Health Journal. He approximated the figure at 84 cents. Thomas Edison quipped, "From his neck down a man is worth a couple of dollars a day, from his neck up he is worth anything that his brain can produce." More recently, Wired Magazine estimated that the chemical parts of a human body are collectively worth \$17.18. But when those chemicals are combined into organs, marrow, and platelets, the value of the average human body soars to approximately \$45,618,575.82. Why? Because the whole is worth more than the sum of its parts.

In May of 2018, Senator John McCain released his final memoir titled *The Restless Wave*. In this volume, he summarizes the major events of his life, the impact of his grandfather and father, his military service and time as a POW, his political victories and defeats, and his countless friends on both sides of the political spectrum. Many of whom, he notes, are gone. Considering the death of these companions, McCain wrote: *Other friends have left, too. I'm tempted to say, before their time, but that isn't the truth. What God and good luck provide we must accept with gratitude. Our time is our time. It's up to us to make the most of it, make it amount to more than the sum of our days.*

The day after his passing, papers all across the globe announced "John McCain, dead at age 81." Had he lived till August 29, the headlines would have read 82. 29,935 days each one largely unimportant to itself, but collectively they were made to count for so much more than their sum. The impact of his life extends far past the boundaries of a dash between two dates.

The whole is worth more than its component pieces. A factory is more than its inventory, a book more than its index, a recipe more than its ingredients. And a life is more than its days. It's what one does with the component pieces that makes a thing live. It must become more than just the sum of its parts.

McCain was right. No one dies "before their time." The component pieces of life are our days. Each one, a gift from God, and perhaps a smattering of good luck. The time we have is the time we have. We can only receive with gratitude what has been allotted to us and attempt to make it count for more than the sum of its parts.

Paul, writing under house arrest, recognized the looming weight of mortality and the limiting pressure of life's inevitable restraints. The days are malicious, wicked, tyrants. They are, in a word, evil. We must make an effort to redeem each moment for a greater purpose.

When we catalog our days, what will we find? Will it be a collection of moments lived to an end in themselves. Days whose purpose was to provide self-joy and self-happiness from moment to moment until we arrived safely at death. Or will our days rise above the level of inventory, index, and ingredients to a place of impact and influence? Will we make them amount to more?

As followers of Jesus, we have a chance to make an eternal impact. We can do more than affect our nation, we can advance God's kingdom. Through the power of the Gospel we can exert an influence that extends far past the boundaries of our natural life.

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See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,  
Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.  
Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord.

-Ephesians 5:15-17

And I will give you pastors according to mine heart,  
which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding

-Jeremiah 3:15

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