



Reverend Dr. Michael A. Chambers

Pastor Chambers continues to declare unto the Fountain church family the message of John 10:10, "Christ came to give us life and to give it to us more abundantly." Therefore because of Christ's gift of life we have this phenomenal opportunity to ensure a healthy inheritance for the next generation of Fountain.

Pressing toward the vision while pressing towards the goal!!

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Phil 3:13-14



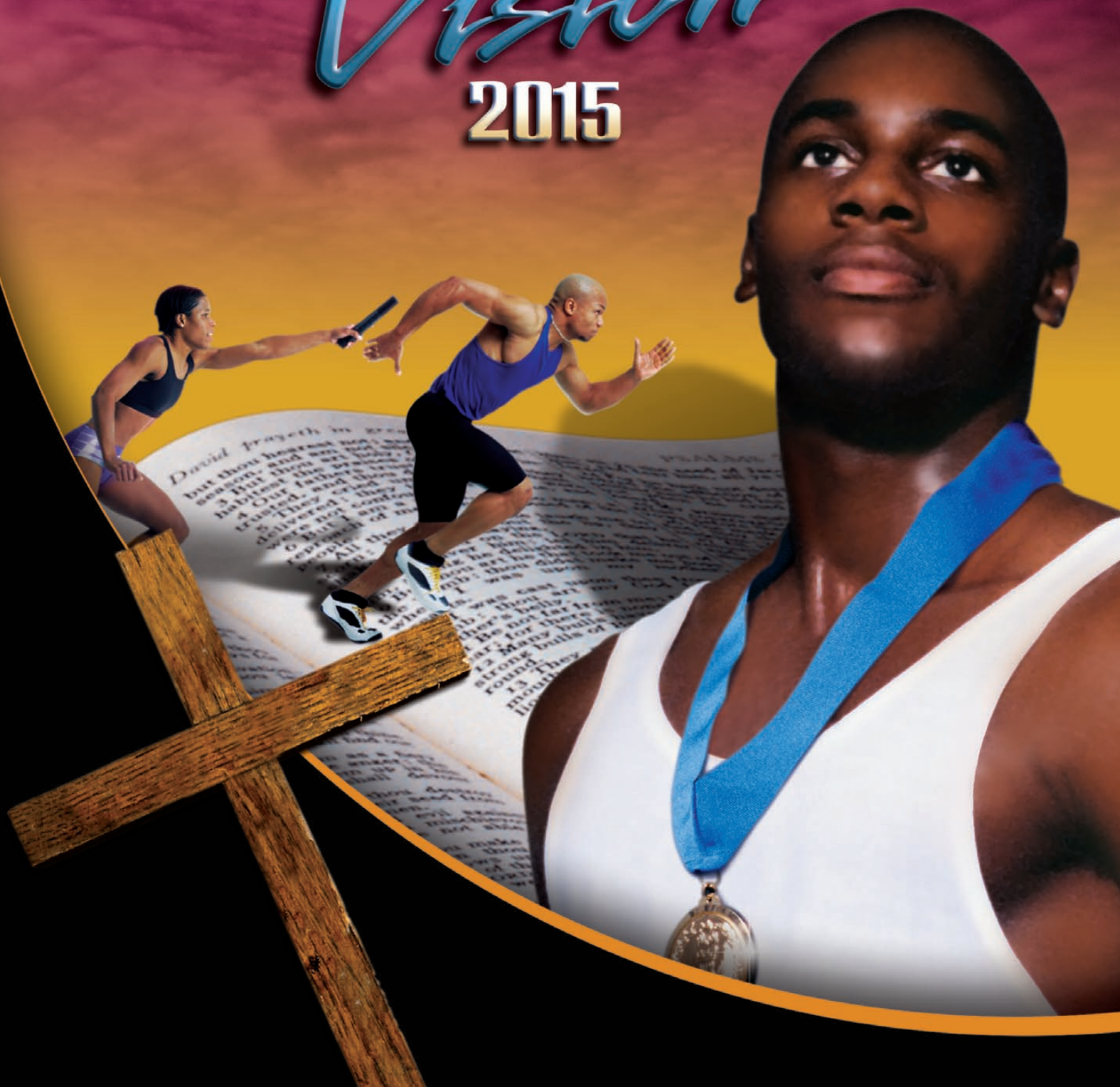
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RUNNING WITH Vision 2015



Where we were...

The Fountain Baptist Church was founded and organized by a group of spiritually-grounded and faithful sisters and brothers with a God given vision. They assembled at the home of Sister Eliza Carey who lived in the 1500 block of North Dallas Street in East Baltimore. The first Pastor of the Fountain Baptist Church was Reverend Fields. This was the beginning of God's awesome movement. The work of the ministry began and the congregation grew. Through the years, there were several other Pastors who led the work of this ministry: Reverend E. C. Layne, Reverend R. B. H. Green, Reverend J. R. L. Coel, Reverend Dennis Barrow, Reverend W. D. D. White, Reverend Dennis Barrow, Reverend C. M. Franklin, and Reverend Herman A. Ford. Currently, the Fountain Baptist Church is under the anointed leadership of the Reverend Doctor Michael A. Chambers.

God has proven himself faithful as he has continued to provide for Fountain over the years. There have been a multitude of blessings along the way; however, there are two that stand out above the others. Under the leadership of Rev. Barrow, Fountain paid off the church debt of \$42,000 within a three year period. This resulted in the church's first mortgage burning. In 1951, Fountain again took on the awesome challenge of paying off \$200,000 in debt. In October 1952, Fountain celebrated another victory. The second mortgage was burned. Our God is awesome!!!!

Where we are...

Reflecting on 2010 and earlier, we have truly been blessed by God. Fountain continues to grow and flourish within the community. Let's look at where we are:

- Most recently, 66 people have become members of the Fountain Baptist Church family. Consequently, thirty of our new members have been baptized.
- Simultaneous revivals have been conducted as several powerful preachers have provided spiritual encouragement to members of the congregation.
- Beautiful new flooring has been installed in the Narthex..
- Two new Associate Ministers have joined our ministry: Rev. Priscilla Richardson and Rev. Richarde Graham.
- The Christian Education ministry has been restructured.
- We were blessed to offer Joshua Camp free of charge for a full two week period.
- Fountain conducted a Marriage and Relationship Workshop which was attended by 125 people.
- Fountain also hosted the Winning Our Community for Christ Prayer Walk. This was a successful evangelism outreach event. This event enabled Fountain to connect with the community and spread the Word of God.
- During the summer, Old Towne Mall Steering Committee Employed three teenagers for Work Force Development in collaboration with the City of Baltimore Family Conference of which was a collaboration of 8 churches.
- Electronic methods for giving have been implemented; Online E-Giving and Credit/Debit machine during morning worship.
- A Men's Ministry has been established under the leadership of Rev. Richarde Graham.
- The Youth & Young Adult Ministry has been revamped under the leadership of Rev. Priscilla Richardson.
- An Annual Deacons' Ministry Retreat has been established
- The Fountain Baptist Church Bereavement Manual has been drafted and distributed to the families of the church.

- A Leadership Conference was conducted in which 28 Leaders were in attendance.
- A Media Ministry has been formed. The ministry is responsible for publishing a quarterly newsletter entitled, "The Vision Keeper". In addition, the Media Ministry is responsible for recording and distributing CD's and DVD's of worship services.

Yes, by God's unmerited favor, Fountain has accomplished many great things. Looking forward at Vision 2015, there's so much more to do. Now is not the time to live off our past accomplishments. God is looking for Fountain to advance to the next level of ministry. Vision 2015 is our road map. Yes, God has given us a plan. It is time to start building on the promises of our Lord and Savior. We must be of good courage! We must maintain our faith! We must continue to trust in the Lord! He has a proven track record of His care of Fountain.

...a Preferred Future !!!

God has a preferred future mapped out for the life of the Fountain Baptist Church. If Fountain is to reach its maximum potential, we must not only embrace Vision 2015, but we must also embrace our individual roles in making it a success. How do we do this? We must commit to the Capital Stewardship Campaign. We must be all that we can be as we maximize our talents and financial gifts in building up God's earthly kingdom. We must not only identify our challenges, but we must allow them to motivate us to go beyond a "maintenance mode". Consequently, we will be a stronger branch of Zion; a stronger force in the community; and will develop a stronger relationship with Christ. Fountain, we must make every effort to go beyond what we've already done. If not, we may never grow into what God wants us to be. This is our season of opportunity! This is our defining moment in which God is enabling us to further build His kingdom. We are on the way to our preferred future.

We are here to meet the holistic needs of our congregation and community in which we serve. The landscape of the church community continues to change. The question for Fountain is simple: Do we want to become a part of the landscape or be the entity that defines the landscape? In order to define the landscape, we can no longer service our own financial debt, but must quickly begin to service our future. We are at a crossroad! The choice is ours. We must come together and seize the opportunity that is before us. Fountain's past achievements prove that we can be resilient in our efforts. This awesome task cannot be accomplished with the work of a hand full of people. "For we are laborers together with God" (1Cor. 3:9). We must come together and claim our preferred future. God has mapped out our plan for victory. Over the next three years, we must meet our financial goal of \$1.3 million. This is vital to maintain our existence, to enhance our service, and to further develop God's earthly kingdom. The Capital Stewardship Campaign will enable us to:

- **Save \$300,000 in interest on our current mortgage**
- **Provide Staffing for key positions within the ministry**
- **Position ourselves for ministry opportunities**
- **Secure additional property for ministry**

There are many challenges ahead of us. Thankfully, we have God on our side. Vision 2015 is his desire for the Fountain Baptist Church. It will come to pass! Fountain, we have a "preferred future". God needs you for His service. Are you a willing vessel?

"Where there is no Vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he."

Proverbs 29:1