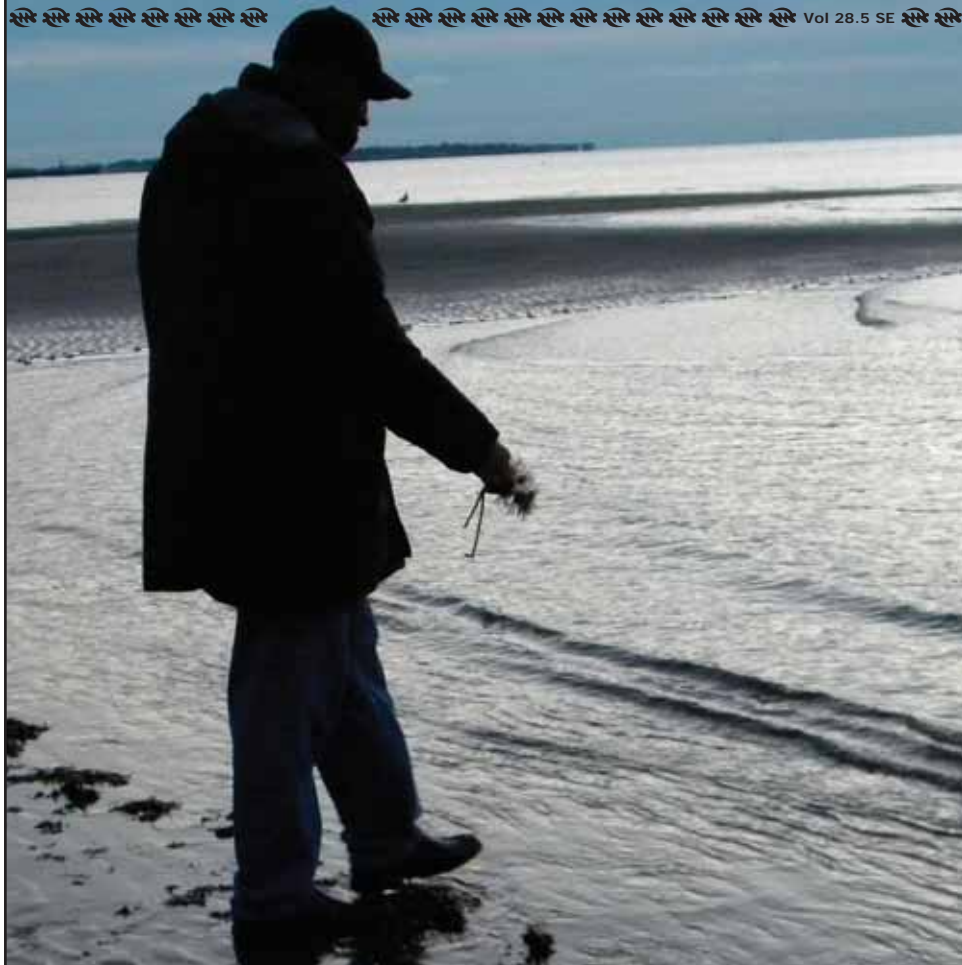


MESSAGE

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"The picture is bigger than me, I must look beyond myself and see that God is doing great things all around me." - Anthony L. Bennett c. 2006

17 Years and Still Going Strong!

Mount Aery & Dr. Anthony L. Bennett the journey continues...

17 Years and Still Going Strong! - Is a pictorial celebration of the 17 year journey of Pastor and People at the Mount Aery Baptist Church. It strives to give voice to the many silent memories that make our lives and ministry rich and powerful. Moments which are too often taken for granted and not fully appreciated.

When you deliver excellence on a consistent basis, excellence becomes expected and isn't readily rewarded. But stay strong...

"Now unto Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us."

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The Ministries' Words

Ashe Faith Project and Nia Alliance -

Pastor: On behalf of the Ashe Faith Project and the Nia Alliance, we join in celebrating 17 years of Pastor and people. Thank you for your support and prayers. May God continue to bless and keep you and your family. Minister Nancy Kingwood

Ushers Ministry - Congratulations on your 17th Anniversary as Pastor. Greetings from the combined Ushers Ministry from Pastor Bennett to Dr. Bennett. Since 1994 you have come from a thin pencil to a fat magic marker. We will remember the good and bad times that we share as doorkeepers. Pastor known as PB.

Kitchen - Pastor Bennett & Family: God Bless you and your family. We know the road has not been easy but to God be the glory you made it through 17 years. We pray God's strength.

Transportation - Pastor Bennett & family: May God Bless shield you and your family with all his blessing.

Scholarship/ Scholastic Ministry - Pastor Bennett, thank you for your unwavering commitment to both our young people and adults pursuing higher education. Over the years the Scholarship Ministry has evolved and each step of the way you have been there encouraging us to stretch beyond the tradition. You have challenged us to apply the principles of the Mt. Aery mission statement, not just helping Mt. Aery members but reaching out to the community. May you continue to hear God's vision in the education of our people. We love you. The Scholarship/Scholastic Ministry

Fellowship Ministry - Pastor Anthony L. Bennett, Donna Thompson Bennett, Ahmad and Brittany on behalf of the Fellowship Ministry we congratulate you for the years of service you have been with us. The years have not been very easy, sometimes up, sometimes s down. Remember to keep God first in life. We come a long way but we have a long way to go!

Sisters At The Well Ministry - Thank you for your commitment to Pastor and People. In these 17 years you have demonstrated the type of leadership that continues the legacy of this great church called Mount Aery. Not only were you Called but God Chose you to lead his people. We have learned so much under your direction. Your teachings and preaching of the God's word only makes us thirst for more. You promised to always bring the best to us because we are the best, just as our Lord and Savior did when he sent the best to Bridgeport in the name of Anthony L. Bennett. We love you and we honor you and we Thank God for you every day. May his blessings continue to shower you and your family. To God be the glory. God Bless.

MAYA (Mount Aery Young Adults) - Pastor Bennett is a man of grace who is intellectually poised and a true exemplary man of God. He is dedicated to the well-being of his community and the uplifting of his flock at Mount Aery Baptist Church. As young adults, we admire his grace and perseverance when it comes to his pastoral call from the Lord. Not only does he teach the Word of God but his devotion to uplift the youth is remarkable. Pastor Bennett is determined to make sure that one does not settle for mediocrity and emphasizes, that through faith, we can stretch beyond our limitations.

We as MAYA, thank God for the blessing we've come to know as Pastor Bennett. We honor him for seventeen years of leadership and service to our Mount Aery family. We are grateful for his stupendous lessons and teachings that serve as an anchor for our Ministry. Congratulations Reverend Dr. Bennett. The best is yet to come! Peace and Love,

Nurses/First Aid Ministry - Our body is our temple and through healthy living you have been an inspiration to the needs of the congregation. By promoting healthy eating habits and allowing us to relieve our minds through Sunday morning meditation. You feed our souls as we progress through life's ups and downs. We are all on this planet for a purpose and you have lead by example to help us understand spiritual fulfillment can be obtained. May you continue to guide by example.



Words of Encouragement

Keep the faith. - Dorcas White

Pastor Bennett and Family - Continue to be blessed as we continue to be blessed with your presence! - Denise Holley

In times when you can't find the strength to carry on, may God continue to give you strength beyond your own. God Bless.

- Deacon Nielsen and Family

To Pastor - Psalm 121

1 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

2 My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.

God Bless. - Queen Curran

Congratulations to Pastor Bennett and Family Continue to be a blessing to us all. Thank you.

- Rev. Kearney

Pastor Bennett and Family - Live, Love, Laugh

- Maguena Adetona

Pastor Bennett - May the Lord continue to bless you and your family. - Paula Watkins

To my Pastor, it gives me great pleasure to celebrate Pastor and People for 17 years, Thanking you for all that you do and continue to do through Jesus Christ who shines so brightly in the place called Mt. Aery. Much love and prayers going out to you.

- Rev. Alicia Tyson-Sherwood

Pastor: I am thankful to God for allowing us to have such an awesome man of God. I appreciate your concern for myself & family. May God continue to pour into you as you pour into the great ministry of Mt. Aery Baptist Church. Love & Peace. - Dec. Jackie Seawright

Pastor: Thank God for sending such a strong and powerful Pastor that I love and respect so much for the good job that you have done in the last 17 years that you have been here. May God Bless and keep you and your family.

- Love, Billie Grisby

Pastor: I pray God continues to keep his loving arms around you and your family. You are an inspiration to all who hear or don't hear you.

God bless you always. - Phyllis Shell





Pastor Bennett and Family: It's been a pleasure to have you these 17 years. Hope we'll be family for many more years to come.
- Bea Weaver

Pastor and family: Thank you for allowing God to work through you and in you. Love you much. - Denise Hanks (& Kevin)

Pastor: I can't say enough....The love is over the top! - Quellia

To Pastor Bennett & Family: We love you, appreciate you and as you stated that you were told that you weren't what Mount Aery wanted but you are definitely what they needed. God Bless you and may God continue to bless us through you.

To Dr. Bennett: God Bless and thank you for being the leader that I am glad God allowed you to be. - Sis Alice Hanna

To Dr. Bennett: "18 holes"..Just for fun and exercise. - Brother Glover

Dr Bennett: Many blessings! - Lola

Pastor: Blessings always. - Rosie Slade

Thank you for blessing Mt. Aery.
- Helen Dennis

Pastor & Family: Thank you for being you.
- Ada Allen

Dr. Bennett: God bless you and your family. Thank you for your commitment of caring and sharing about the Bridgeport Community.

Pastor: May God continue to bless you and your family. Thank you for your vision, your passion and your love. - Sis Karin Smith

Pastor: Thank you for everything!
- Deacon Sean T. Bunyan

I wish you the best luck in the future. Be strong in your faith God. - Evelyn Wiggins

You are an inspiration to me as a great Black Man and Husband to an awesome wife. I pray God's blessings on you and your family. Bro.
- Bro. Julian Jean Baptiste





I wish you all the best, great having you as a Pastor, a teacher and strong man in faith and in the committee.

Dear Pastor: I am so grateful to call you my Pastor. You continue to bless me and my family with your leadership and love. Looking forward in moving with you in the continued development of this ministry called Mt. Aery.
- Much love, Denise Maxwell and Family

Dear Pastor: We are so glad to have you here at Mt. Aery for 17 years. We hope that you will be here for many more. - Samantha Sims

Thank you for being our Pastor all these 17 years. We pray that you continue to be Pastor to the People. - Dec. John Hill

My brother. I love you. So glad I'm on your train leading to growth and prosperity in the Lord our Savior. I wish you and the family the best and many more years as our Under Shepard of the Mount. - Dec. Lee

I love you and adore the Bennett's.
- Love, Brenda Johnson

Pastor Bennett to me God has enlightened my life through your messages. God Bless you.
- Margarite Gilbert

To my Pastor: Pastor Bennett, thank you for your guidance and encouragement as I travel through my life's journey. God Bless You.
Love ya. - Sister Vernetta Johnson

Pastor Bennett: May you continue to be the inspirational channel of the love and grace of "Christ". - Fran and Family

Pastor B: You have been such a blessing to me in so many ways, just your faithfulness to God is a blessing to me. - Love, Traci Craig

To Pastor B: When God sent you our way, he knew what he was doing. Time and time again you have been there with not only a prayer but a presence in my time of need. I know these few words can't begin to touch on how grateful I am & our church is to have you as our Pastor. God Bless you & family. - Kenny Jackson

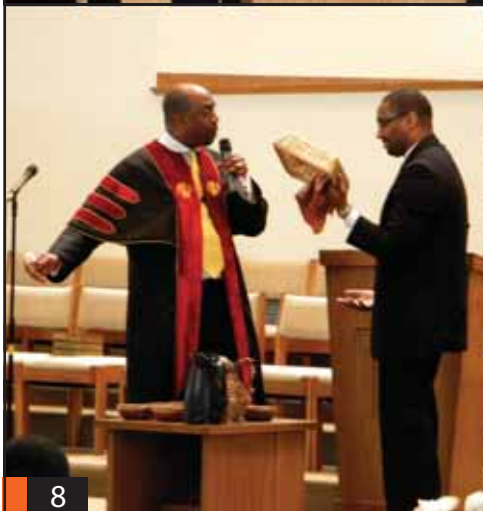
Pastor, continue to do God's Will. We love you.
- Deacon Bo & Pam DeWitt Smith

Pastor: Doesn't seem like 17 years. I came right after you arrived. And have never been happier. Your straight talk for straight understanding has been such a blessing and uplifting experience for me and my entire family. May God continue to bring forth His Word through you and I will receive it. I am still under construction and that's a good thing thanks to you! Much much love & blessings.

- Renee Dumas

Pastor: I just want to stay thank you for being such a role model to the men of the church. Love ya. - Malikhi Eason

Thank you for making me believe in everything I do. Love you!



I love you so much Pastor. Thank you for everything that you have done. - Morgan Rollins

Hey Pastor: Just want to say thanks for all that you have done for God's people & the personal things you have for me & my family. There are things that you may not ever be aware of that you have done. Your will & integrity of your walk is an inspiration & guiding light to me. May God continue to bless you & your family. - Dea.Dan

God Bless you & your family. - Love, Audrey Barr

Peace & Blessings. Much love to you.
- Kelly Badgett

Thank you Pastor. Keep up the good work.
- Judah

Love you Pastor. Thank you for everything.
- Deja Seawright

Thank you Pastor for the years of teaching and helping us understand God's Word and how it relates to us now. Love you.
- Pearlye Sams Allen (Lulu)

God Bless. Love you much!
- Denine Hatton-Blackwell

Peace and Blessing Pastor: Thank you for all the work you have done for this church, my family and me. God Bless you and the family.
- Dwayne Seawright

Peace and be the journey. - Rhys Tyson









You are a great and amazing Pastor and I enjoy hearing you talk. God bless you as well as your family. - Jalisa Doharte

You are an amazing Pastor with a great ability to minister to many. I love you Pastor and your family. - Keilah Miller

Pastor, may God continue blessing you and your family. Thank you for 17 years of good time and not so good times. But the good times outnumber the not so good times by plenty. You bring Mt. Aery the best speakers because we are the best-because Mt. Aery is the best church on Frank Street and you are the best Pastor on Frank Street. God Bless You.

- Deacon Dover Seawright Sr.

Pastor, best wishes for a new beginning for our ministry. - Ray Jarvis

Pastor Bennett, Words cannot explain my love for you in the name of Jesus - Quillian

Hey Doc, Thank you for delivering the Word as only you can and thanks for being a constant blessing. You have been an inspiration and impacted so many lives. Thanks for keeping it Real. - Brother Warren Blunt

Pastor Bennett: You are one of the most conscientious brothers I know. May God continue to bless you and your family. Much respect. - Roger McKenzie

Words from Deacon Maxwell

Pastor Bennett,

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or, being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with kings - nor lose the common touch;
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you;
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run -
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And - which is more - you'll be a Man my son!

Rudyard Kipling



Words cannot express what you and your ministry have meant to not only me but to my family. God has truly shown me through you to have faith in not one thing but everything. To look at a Pastor that does nothing without praying on it first is something that folks just read about. But God has seen fit for you to be an example of what to do and how to do it. Personal thanks for you sticking by me in my trials and tribulations. Your support has truly meant the world to me and allowed me to be the man that God has molded me to be today. For that I will be eternally grateful. Peace and Blessings be upon you. My brother, my friend and my Pastor.

Dear Pastor Bennett,
John 8:36 says whom the son sets free is free indeed. Halleluiah Love you in the Lord,
- Rev. Velvedeen Velva-Jean Tucker

Pastor Bennett, I appreciate you and I want to say thank you for your awesome leadership, comforting spirit and encouraging and loving heart. May God continue to pour back into you as you pour out to others. May God also continue to bless and keep you always in good health and strengthen you as you travel this journey in life and love with Mt. Aery. Peace and Love - Candida

God is always with you no matter how alone you feel. He knew you before you knew yourself. He will never leave you or forsake you. He will be with you always and all the way.
- Zequanda Wright

Pastor, I and my family thank God for you! We continue to pray for you and your family to continue to be blessed. You have been a blessing to our family, to Mt. Aery and to Bridgeport, CT. Thank you, Thank you, thank you. God bless you. - Eva Gardner

Congratulations and May God continue to bless you as you minister to his people.
- David Greatheart

Congratulations on your new beginning and may your ministry continue to be driven by the purpose set forth for you by God.
- Carrie Greatheart

Pastor Bennett, to God be the glory. May God forever keep you in good health always. Keep on, keep on. - Love always, Sis Wright





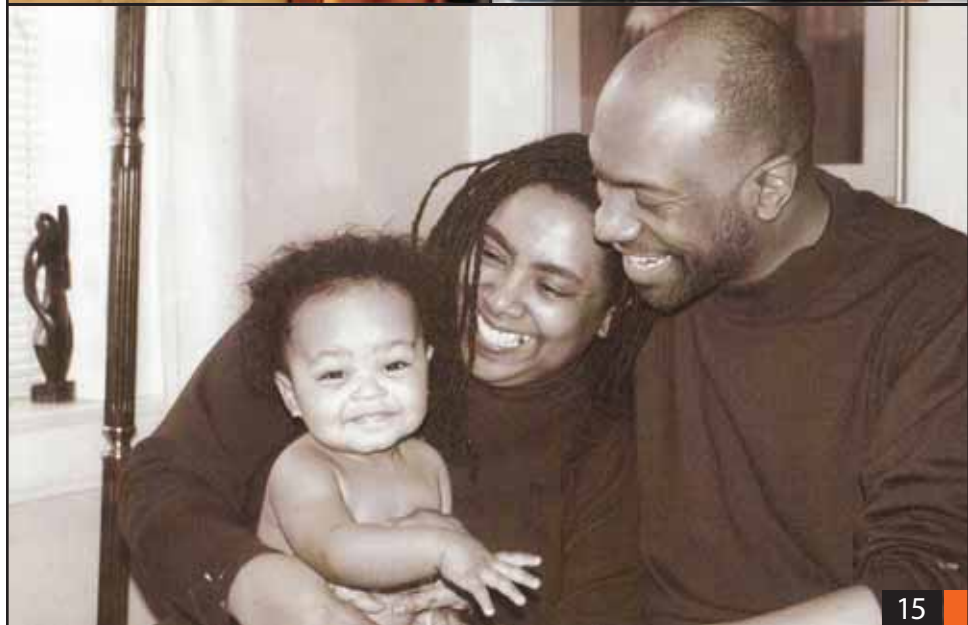
Namaste Pastor,

Happy 17th Anniversary Servant Leader/Under Shepherd for the Great People of Mount Aery Baptist Church. This 17 year journey as pastor and people has taken us to deeper depths and higher heights in our relationship with Christ Jesus. Because of your leadership we have grown more in love, faith, knowledge, power, and joy with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Our purposes as a church body have intensified via our worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry and evangelism of God, with one another and for others. We understand the importance of Social Justice Ministry and move beyond the walls of Mount Aery to address community issues that negatively impact our people. These 17 years have generated a lot of precious memories in our heart, mind & soul. We wanted to remind you through these photos of your journey that began over 17 years ago as a man, son, brother, uncle, friend, husband, father, and pastor. Enjoy these precious memories. Today we celebrate all of who God has created and developed you to be.

Peace & Lots of Love,

Donna





2002

II Corinthians 6:1-16 - The power of partnering in God's purpose

Our greatest opportunity and challenge in life and death is finding purpose.

We need to take a look at the partners we keep and in which direction (we, they) are moving.

Don't spend your days trying to get people to trust you; it is not until they develop a trusting relationship with God, will they be able to trust the God in you.

2003

Acts 5:12 - Keeping it real in God

Not being real prevents God from delivering us.

Haggai 2:1 When things don't look like much

God always have a plan for your life. God will always give a word when things don't look like much.

Keep progress in perspective.

2004

I Corinthians

The power of the Gospel will be expressed through the heart in every situation.

Knowing how to be Christ, how you live will determine how you will die.

2005

Ephesians 6:10-20 - The power of a prayer conditioned life

A prayer conditioned life:

Equips me for the battle

Is a must in all occasions; in and out of season.

Leviticus 23:22 - Relationship is a network; Relationship precedes ministry

2006

Exodus 33:10 The God who leads us to freedom

Transitions must not be bitter but better

Do not let the achievement of your material plans be the barometer of your prosperity.

John 2:1-11 - The message is in the Miracle

I follow Jesus for the miracle I will become.

I will keep doing what the Lord has called me to do; despite the lack thereof of others.

John 3:1-8, 16-18 - Get ready for a life changing Encounter

To be born again is to live above mediocrity.

God put me in the midst of certain situations that I may see who I am in God.

John 20:1-9 - Look what God has done

The picture is bigger than me, I must look beyond myself and see that God is doing great things all around me.

2007

Matthew 2:1-12 - The way of a worshipper

I must stay rooted in fertile soil allowing his light of wisdom and direction to keep me in His purpose.

Luke 3:2-18 - Worship while you work

Do not allow the influence of others make you a slacker. With great effort do not lose sight of your responsibility to the assignment at hand.

How to worship while you work:

Share words of wisdom learned from the past that can help others in their present situation.

Mans rejection is often times Gods protection.

You must deal justly with others, be mindful how you speak, treat, understand, and think about others.

You must prepare the way for the Holy Spirit to cleanse, uplift, bring comfort, restore, and be held accountable. It is my responsibility.

I Corinthian 1:4-13 - Building authentic fellowship

Philippians 1:19 - Authentic fellowship II

I have an understanding that my life is better of in fellowship with Jesus.

John 15:1-17 - A divine friendship

My friendship with Jesus allows me to understand what is expected of my by Jesus.

II Kings 7:1-11 - Gods risk management

Surrender and God will have a strategic supply. Sin is an inappropriate response to a legitimate need.

2008

Psalms 84:1-4 - Take a breathe

Take time, every minute count.

2009

II Corinthians 20:13-17 - Meeting the moment

Mind my thoughts, behavior, and character in the midst of conflict. Do not shrink, the battle is not yours but the Lords.

2010

John 17:9 - A prayer for great vision

God will do the impossible.

2011

1 Timothy 1:12-19 - A Pastors Testimony

Do you believe what you proclaim?

God is the God that provided when I needed provision.

The Grace of God was poured out on me abundantly.

Don't allow what you go through make you forget about the God that brought you through.

It is your responsibility to be the disciple God has called you to be.

God specializes in repairing shipwrecked faith.

Words of Encouragement

Pastor Bennett: In the 6 years I've been at Mt. Aery I know for fact your life had not been a crystal stairway. I've watched you on the merry-go-round of the life as a Pastor. Sometimes up, sometimes down and sometimes knee high to the ground. Through your ministry I have seen how you open yourself to God and how God manifests His spirit through you through your ministry my mind has been renewed and my life has been transformed and conformed to a life worthy of God. Thank you for all your encouragement, your guidance and your strong sense of determination you bestow on me. I pray that you will bless us with many years to come. - Sister Evelyn Marrow

To my brother who affirms my straight talk for straight understanding. I admire your tenacity, your courage and your will to serve. Congratulations on your 17th year. Continue to allow God's grace to shine through you also allow him to guide your tongue as you continue to speak his truth. I love you and look forward to what is to come. - Pat Allen

Pastor Bennett: You have been a blessing to me and my family. My mother-in-law, Mrs. Bridgeforth, loved you very dearly. Thank you for being who you are. - Vera Mebane & family

Pastor Bennett, Being a member of our church has been a joy and a blessing. Thanks and God Bless. - Deja Cauthen

Dear Pastor Bennett: Seeing you teach, preach and live your life for the love of our Lord has helped me grow deeper in gratitude and firmer in my faith; to set my life on the path Our Lord has ordered for me. Thank you. In his grip. - Rena L. Monk

Pastor: I know that it is not easy being a Pastor to so many people with different thoughts but I pray that God will give you the strength to carry on. I will pray for you because I know that you are a blessing to this church. - Errol Mahon

Pastor, God has sent you our way and we (I) am forever grateful. You and Donna have truly been a blessing to my family, and I feel honored to say, we love you. - The Belcher Family

Pastor Bennett, Thank you for all the blessings you give us each week. My Holy Spirit is full for the week. - Love, Debbie Fredrick

Baba: Thank you for all you have done and been to me through the years. You are an awesome man of God and I am blessed that you have been a part of my life since I was a teen. I wish you the best and many more years as Pastor of the best church on Frank Street. - Love, Shakira

You have done a great job saying the word of God. - SP

Pastor Bennett, God has blessed you with 17 years, may you have 17 more. You are a wonderful Pastor, continue the good work and may God bless you and your family.

My mind is at a different place right now and I am not able to write as I normally would yet I want to say thank you for being an awesome friend and Pastor. - Peace, Gina LeVon Simpson

We at Mt. Aery are blessed to have a leader such as you. - Johnnie H. Foxworth

Always a blessing to be under a man of God that has a message to it's flock. - Bev. Cooper

Pastor, you are a blessing. I love ya and your family. Always keeping you in prayer.
- Bruce Cunningham

Pastor, Thank you for all that you do. You have truly been a blessing to my life. I look forward to another 17 years. - Love, Kim Lee

Pastor Bennett, I love you and I thank God for you. I am so grateful that God led me to come and meet with you about something that I had completely misunderstood. That experience helped me realize that I need to get the full story before I make a judgment about any matter. May God continue to keep you and bless you and your family. - Susie Hoheb-Taylor

Your teachings have blessed me so much just related to me so well thank you. - Assan Glenn

I pray that God blesses you for all the blessing that your encouragement has given to me!
- Tawand Pettway

Thank you for encouragement and for me to move in a positive way. - Dyshaun Perry

Thank your for helping us. - Love, Chrishna

Thanks for being you. - Searight family Tonie & Tiona

Pastor, thank you always for your words each Sunday I admire you. You always have a good word for me to carry through the week. Thank you. - Karen Jones Buchanan

Pastor Bennett, I truly Thank God for you and Donna for your perseverance, dedication and love that you've given to me during my marriages, raising my sons (Darnell & Walter) and health issues. May God continue to bless and keep you and your family. I love you both and feel blessed to have you as my Pastor and first lady. And Pastor you always remembered my name even with all the members you have! Love ya. - Cece (Cecelia Wilson)

You are a blessed leader, Baba, inspiration....walk the walk and talk the talk....an example of what a true African Amerian man, Father, leader should be. Be blessed! - Malek Simpson

Dear Pastor, There have been times where I've come to church sad and feeling alone, but every time I hear your word it anoints me and builds me up with courage. The way you express yourself and break down things and situations is a gift. I just want to thank you for your time and love and keep that wonderful smile on your face. Always blessed! - Tamira Jones

Dear Pastor Bennett, Thank you for all the time you've put into our church and I appreciate everything that you've done. I love Mt. Aery and I love you and your family. Thank you again and I wish you many more years to come. God Bless. - Fredi Nielsen

Thanks for all that you have done Pastor. - Caleb Nielsen

Thank you. God bless! - Quintin Rollins

Good luck and good work Pastor. - Kaileb Cadet

Thank you Pastor. - Aaron Laporte

Thanks for all you do. God bless. - Andrew Laporte

Good luck Pastor. - Elijah

Yea Doc yea! Pastor Bennett, I thank God for you and Mrs. Donna! I'm grateful for your words of encouragement every Sunday. I'm glad to have been a part of 4 of your 17 years as Pastor. You are truly a blessing to me and my family. I love you! We love you and May God bless many more years to come! - Jazmin JeanBaptiste

Dear Pastor Bennett, I thank God for placing you here at Mt. Aery. You are a blessing to me and everybody here. I love your spirit and your sermons always build up my spirit. Like Freedom School would say Good Job, Good Job! Keep doing what you do best and much love.
- Brittany Lee

Pastor, you have been such an inspiration in my life. Each Sunday there is a message in your sermon that speaks to my spirit, especially when I am feeling low. You are truly an anointed man of God. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement. Peace & Blessings. - Gail D. Patterson

Thank you for letting me believe in myself and in God. You encouraged me to leave out of Connecticut to pursue my dreams and going out to Livingstone College to major in Social Work. Thank you again for listening to my problems when I needed it the most no matter how minor or major they were. I praise God everyday that I have someone of great abilities such as you...that I can call you my Pastor. Thank you to Mrs. Donna for just giving me a chance to grow every since I was 4 years old I felt it in my spirit that she would be one of my stars in the darkness.
- Paige Green

Namaste' Pastor,
We pray that you receive all the blessings that God has in store for you and your family. We thank God for having shared in this ministry with you and hope to continue to build an even stronger spiritual relationship. This journey has not been without opportunities to grow and mature in our faith in God and it has been well worth it. Be encouraged, as God is not done with us yet! A new beginning.....Amen!
- Deacons Luis & Annette Febres

My prayer to God is always one of thankfulness and gratitude. Words cannot explain how thankful and grateful I am that Pastor Anthony L. Bennett faithfully loves God, passionately loves his family and with pride loves the Mount Aery Church Family with all of his heart. Sometimes Pastor's passion for doing God's work leaves us in the dust but it is that passion that has brought us through over these 17 years.

Pastor, we love you and we pray God's continuous blessings for you, Donna, Brittany and Ahmad.
- Ramona and Kirya

Dear Pastor Bennett,
Thank you for backing our collective vision to restart the couples ministry. Your encouragement has given us the spirit to continue our goal to strengthen the bond between all couples. We are honored to be sheep in the flock that God has called you to pastor. We look forward to many more years with you as Pastor and People.
- Yours in Christ, The Couples Ministry

Pastor, We will be forever grateful for your leadership, guidance and love. Your dedicated service has touched so many lives, may God continue to richly bless your ministry and family. Happy Anniversary. - Mt Aery Trustee Ministry

Pastor Bennett,
For your counsel and your guidance, for your tireless service, for your faithfulness to God's cause ... Thank You Pastor! Happy Anniversary.

"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them." (Hebrews 6:10 -NIV)
- From Minuette & P. Magnolia Barnes

Pastor Bennett, It has been an honor and privilege to serve under your leadership as a member of the trustee and various other ministries. In these past few years we have experienced many things together, many good and some not so good. However our faith tells us that all things work together for our good. I can sincerely say that as a testament to our relationship, I have gained a greater understanding and a fresh perspective that has fueled my increase as a powerful vessel for the Lord. As I reflect, I am reminded of the times you invested in me through our private conversations that seemed to go for hours. Our phone calls full of iron sharpening banter, and also those jewels of knowledge you pass on from time to time. I thank God for you bro. I celebrate and honor your ministry and service and wish you many more. It's so good to know we still love Jesus...lol.

- Peace and Love, Shay

To Pastor Bennett,

Congratulation on 17 years God has put you and the people of Mt. Aery together. The seed you have planted through your Teaching, Preaching, Encouragement, Inspiration and Caring has sustained so many over the years. With gratitude and love we come thanking God for a Pastor like You.

Mt. Aery Floral Ministry

Deacon Regina Mosely - Chair person

Sis. Helen Dennis - Co-Chair

Pastor Bennett,

Thank you! We appreciate you!

Through your vision, leadership and equipping of the Members, we have become a church that has established relationships through one on one's within the church and connected thirty or more congregations within Fairfield and New Haven counties. You are showing us how to work together and exercise the power within to bring about a change. A Leader and Man of God, we honor you for these seventeen years of dedicated service as our Pastor. May God continue to bless you and this ministry with many more years together.

Mt. Aery Core Ministry

Pastor: The Academy of Ministry congratulates you on 17 years of outstanding leadership and vision at Mt. Aery. We sincerely appreciate the support and optimism you have shown the Academy. May God continue to bless you, use you and guide you in the next chapter as pastor of Mt. Aery.

MAIL appreciates you being a visionary and an outstanding leader and we wish you many blessings and continued success for your next 17 years at Mt. Aery.

To Pastor & Donna,

Congratulations on 17 years in ministry at Mount Aery Baptist Church! We truly appreciate your vision, leadership and example shown through the years. May God continue to bless you both as you do His will.

- With love, Carl & Sandi Dicks





Pastor Bennett's
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July 8th - 10th, 2011





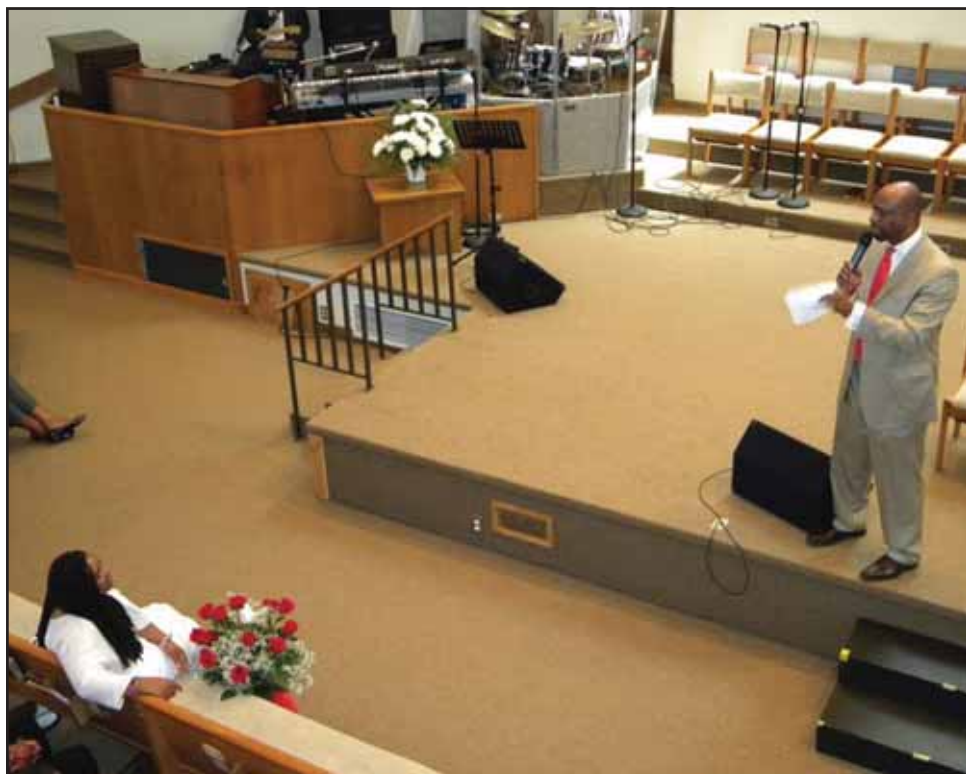


















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