

Happy 24th

PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY



**PASTOR BUCAS STERLING III &
1ST LADY CAROLYN STERLING**

April 7, 2024

**KETTERING BAPTIST CHURCH LEGACY CENTER
6909 Crain Hwy. · Upper Marlboro MD 20772
Senior Pastor Bucas Sterling III**

“Serving Our Savior Sacrificially”



Pastor Bucas Sterling, III

Pastor Bucas Sterling, III began serving on April 1, 2000, as the third full-time Pastor in the history of Kettering Baptist Church and is currently the longest serving pastor here. He has proven himself to be an extraordinary gift from God who has been endowed with the heart of a pastor. He has been married to his lovely wife, the love of his life, Carolyn since December of 1983; they have three wonderful children, LaTonya, Virtré, and Tori, son-in-law, William, daughter-in-law, Tasha and four grandchildren, Jasmine, Jordan, Sterling and Corrani.

Pastor Sterling's commitment to God and his pursuit to seek God first in all his endeavors makes him an ideal leader, preacher, teacher and counselor empowered by the Holy Spirit to accomplish the divine call of God on his life. Week after week he presents the unadulterated Word of God with such power and passion that impacts the hearts and lives of others. We are fortunate, here at Kettering, to have a Pastor who believes in equipping the saints with the truth.

Under the leadership of Pastor Sterling, we experienced an overwhelming increase in our membership which necessitated an increase in the number of services (from 2 to 4 over a period of 11 years) and the use of alternate facilities (the auditorium at Prince George's Community College as well as Eleanor Roosevelt High School). The necessity for space led Pastor Sterling to desire to erect a place of worship large enough for our members to worship as one and one that would allow for future growth. God answered that prayer with our current 27-acre location, the Legacy Center which we moved into on December 24th, 2016.

Pastor Sterling has: trained many men and leaders within Kettering Baptist Church and through the Community Development Corporation, Manna Ministries; trains many local and national pastors and ministers in sacerdotal duties of ministry; expanded our ministry within the church by increasing the number of ministries and expanded our ministry externally to include two radio broadcasts, WAVA 105.1FM and Family Talk Sirius XM 131, and even provided the opportunity for others to join us in worship virtually via Livestream through our website, Facebook, YouTube and to listen to sermons online 24/7 thru our website or podcasts accessible through WAVA. His goal is to accomplish his ministry vision which is to reach the world with the gospel of Christ through the doors God opens for us while deliberately making disciples and edifying the community in areas of need.

Pastor Sterling continues to be used by the Lord for great things and has received many recognitions and acknowledgements such as being highlighted twice on the Don Crowe Show in the Meet the Pastor segment; having his article, "Workplace Enthusiasm" featured in WAVV's Faith Walk Magazine; being selected as one of the Fabulous Fifty of Prince Georges Community College and honored by being placed on their wall of fame; and receiving the privilege of having one of his sermons published in the book "Oxford Sermons". He was honored with a citation from the Governor of the State of Maryland in appreciation of his outstanding services to the citizens of Maryland and most recently, he was honored by 104.1FM as one of the top 20 pastors in the DC Metropolitan area.

He has served in many roles with the Baptist Convention of Maryland Delaware (BCMD) including serving on BCMD's New Day Relations Committee and on the African American Advisory Counsel of the Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), as well as the Committee to Nominate Members of General Mission Board and Trustees and Directors of Institutions and Agencies of the Convention. He was also appointed as the Chairperson of the Registration Committee, SBC Annual Meeting and as an SBC Task Force member in the oversight of the review of the SBC's executive committee handling of the sexual abuse cases. He is currently serving as the Vice President of the National African American Fellowship, President of Manna Ministries and member of Constitutional Amendment Committee, advising the SBC executive committee.

Pastoring is not just something he does; he lives, breathes, and loves what he is doing, and he has been partnered with and faithfully supported by an extremely special person, our First Lady Carolyn Sterling, to share it with. She dynamically leads our Women's Enrichment Ministry and has done so for 22 faithful years to the glory of God. She also loves and works with Kettering's children in Awana, and she has done so every Wednesday for many years, making sure each one feels love and special.

God bless you Pastor and First Lady Carolyn for twenty-four years of Ministering in the Spirit of Excellence and Making Disciples that are Making a Difference as we strive towards "Serving Our Savior Sacrificially" in 2024.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Scripture/Prayer

Selection

Eryka Edmund

Praise Dance Presentation

Welcome Our Guests

Announcements

Special Presentations

Anniversary Ministry

Offertory Prayer/Offering

Selection

Eryka Edmund

Message

Pastor Jonathan D. Chapman

Lead Pastor of Church On Purpose, Omaha, Nebraska

Invitation

Benediction



UPCOMING EVENTS

DTM Spring Semester Session B

- ◆ *Registration for DTM Spring Semester Session B begins today and ends on Wednesday, April 24th. Classes will start on Saturday, April 27th. Please click [here](#) to view the description and schedule of classes, and to register. POC: Pastor Williams at andre.williams@ketteringministries.org.*

2024 Vacation Bible School (VBS)

- ◆ *Attention Kettering Members and Friends! VBS is fast approaching and everyone, Kindergarten through Adults, is invited to attend. This year's theme is, "Breaker Rock Beach: God's Rock-Solid Truth in a World of Shifting Sand." You will be challenged to compare the half-truths of the culture with God's unchanging truths.*
 - *Daytime VBS Camp: for 1st through 8th grade will be held on Monday, June 17th – June 21st and Monday, June 24th – Friday, June 28th from 7:30am to 5:30pm. The cost is \$210 per child/per week and covers daily field trips, lunch, snacks, and other materials.*
 - *Evening VBS: for kindergarten through adults will be held Monday, June 17th ~ Friday, June 21st from 7pm to 9pm and is FREE of charge. Dinner will be served nightly. Registration for Daytime and Evening VBS begins today.*

New Members Fellowship

- ◆ *Pastor and 1st Lady Sterling are excited to personally welcome all new members who joined KBC, since April 2023! Please let us know you are attending by today at 5pm. Please use the QR code in your mailed invitation. You can count on a time of fun, fellowship, and food! Casual attire is suggested.*

You're Not Losing It . . . You're Grieving

- ◆ *Have you been forgetting things or feeling angry or irritable? Perhaps you have lost interest in the things that once brought you joy. You are not losing it, you are grieving. If you have experienced the loss of a loved one, that grief can often get expressed in ways we don't expect. The Circle of Comfort is a place where you can learn about what is happening and talk to others who have also experienced loss. Join us virtually on Saturday, April 20th at 10am. Please register at grief@ketteringministries.org.*

KBC Pictorial Directory Pictures

- ◆ *KBC Members & Ministry Leaders – It's time to update our online directory! Please click [here](#) to schedule your appointment.*

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED

Mortgage Burning Ceremony

- ◆ *We encourage all to join us in person on Sunday, April 21st during our 10am service for a joyous time of celebration for the Mortgage Burning Ceremony of the Legacy Center. For many this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to witness the hand of God in providing for the debt retirement on a house of worship. This extraordinary experience will culminate with memorabilia as well as light refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. You don't want to miss it!*

Youth Lock-in

- ◆ *Calling all youth ages 12 – 17! Join the Youth Ministry on Friday, April 26th at 9pm through Saturday April 27th at 8am for our Youth Lock-in. This will be a fun-filled night featuring a DJ, escape room, giveaways, and a great time of fellowship. Bring a friend or family member and don't miss it! The cost is only \$10 per person and includes dinner, snacks, and breakfast. You may register online today through Monday, April 15th. If you have any questions, please contact Minister Ryan Richardson at rrichardson@ketteringministries.org. Click [here](#) to register.*

School Beautification Outreach

- ◆ *Join the Missions and Men's Ministries on Saturday, April 27th at 9am as we work alongside Patuxent Elementary School to bring beauty to some of their outdoor spaces. Along with Patuxent parents and students, we will restore outdoor spaces students can use to enrich their learning! We will do light yardwork and share the love of Christ in our local community! Registration is required. Participants are eligible for community service hours. Click [here](#) to register.*

2024 1st Quarter Business Meeting

- ◆ *We encourage all members to attend the 2024 1st Quarter Business Meeting on Sunday, April 28th. Don't miss this opportunity to stay informed. The meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format. You may register online through 5pm on Wednesday, April 24th. Click [here](#) to register.*

Employment Opportunities

- ◆ *Looking for your first job, looking for a new job, or perhaps even contemplating a career change, if so then check out the Employment Ministry "Job Listings" page on the KBC Employment Ministry website at: [Employment - Kettering Ministries](#).*

Tithes & Offering: Click [here](#) to choose your giving selection!