



*Oak Ridge Missionary Baptist Church
140th Church Anniversary Celebration
Reverend Dr. Ricky D. Turner, Senior Pastor*

May 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the powerful and precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is in Him that we live, move, and have our very being. As Oak Ridge Missionary Baptist Church prepares to honor 140 years of God's faithfulness, this milestone offers a sacred opportunity to reflect on God's goodness, celebrate His sustaining power, and envision the future He has prepared for us.

Reaching 140 years of ministry is a blessing we do not take lightly. The Lord has graciously allowed Oak Ridge to stand among the great churches of our nation, and this anniversary provides a moment to honor the past while looking forward with hope.

Several worship opportunities are planned throughout the month of August, including our Anniversary Banquet on August 8 from 2:00–4:00 PM at the beautiful Marriott Courtyard at The View at Briarcliff. Your presence would add joy to this season of thanksgiving.

We invite you to join us for worship throughout the month of August. Guest speakers will share the preached Word on August 2, 9, and 16, followed by our Special Guest, Reverend Dr. Jerry Young of Mississippi, on August 23. Our Senior Pastor, Reverend Dr. Ricky D. Turner, will culminate the anniversary services on August 30, joined by our Reunion Choir—past and present.

Our Spiritually Guided Anniversary Theme:

Reflecting — Joshua 4:21–24

Just as Israel set stones of remembrance, this moment calls us to honor God and the generations who built, served, and worshiped before us. Their faithfulness laid the foundation on which we stand today.

Celebrating — Psalm 103:1–2

With grateful hearts, we bless the Lord for His goodness, mercy, and unending benefits. Our praise becomes an offering of thanksgiving for all God has done in 140 years of ministry.

Envisioning Our Future — 1 Corinthians 2:9

God has prepared greater things ahead for Oak Ridge. As we celebrate this milestone, we look forward with expectation, trusting that the best is yet to come.

Souvenir Booklet Participation

To commemorate this historic occasion, we invite you to participate by placing an ad in our Souvenir Booklet. Placing an ad in our Souvenir Booklet is a meaningful way to share the joy of this historic celebration.

Details for submitting your ad will be provided through our online platforms, with all submissions due by July 15.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 913-788-5657.

Yours in Christ,

Reverend Dr. Ricky D. Turner, Senior Pastor

Deacon Donald T. & Gwendolyn R. Pearl, Dr. of Occupational Therapy, Chairperson

Bro. Darren E. & Sis. Angela K. Pitts, Co-Chairpersons

140th Anniversary Committee

Celebrating 140 years

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