

## **District Elder C. Mark Avery**

## **Greater Works Ministries**

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## We Are:

We are a diverse congregation of believers who passionately worship and vibrantly praise the Master. We incorporate various styles of worship in our "celebrations."

We are striving to embody this kingdom mandate on our ministry. It is our chief desire to please the Lord wile addressing both the practical and spiritual needs of those within our reach. This ministry has withstood many storms and overcomes many obstacles over the years. Through them all we have seen the mighty hand of God in operation. For this we declare like the Psalmist, "If it had not been the Lord, who was on our side."Is it good to know that we serve a faithful God.

As we move forward, we joyfully anticipate and expect continued manifestations of God's power in our lives. The Master has wonderful things in store for each of us, and it is our desire to serve Him in excellence as we prepare for His imminent return.

> May the blessings and favor of the Lord be upon each of you. Agape' C. Mark Avery, Pastor



Thank You!

The Greater Works Ministries Family would like to thank everyone for joining us in this great celebration. We appreciate the sacrifice of your time, your donations, and your display of Love and Support to Pastor Avery



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

District Elder C. Mark Hvery



Pastor Avery's life have been characterized as one of service and ministry. born in November 1962 to the late Elder Arthur Avery and Mother Deloris Avery in Philadelphia, PA. He was educated in the Philadelphia Public Schools, and graduated from Northeast High School. He attended Temple University majoring in Mass Communications. He was baptized in Jesus name on July 23, 1973 at the Rose of Sharon Church in Philadelphia by Suffragan Bishop Joseph Scott. He received the Holy Ghost on September 25, 1979 during bible class. While attending Rose of Sharon, Pastor Avery learned to nurture and develop his passion for God and it also served as his training ground for future ministry. Pastor Avery served faithfully on the Usher Board, Mass Choir and was the Young Peoples President, and Choir Director for the "United Voices of Christ".

The Lord had other plans in store for Pastor and led him to become a part of the Christ Temple, soon to become Greater Works Ministries. Change in membership did not bring about a sabbatical, but rather more responsibilities. The key assignment was that of Deacon by District Elder Allen G. Tate Within a year the hand of God moved mightily and Pastor first got the call to minister from the pulpit. On March 8, 1989 he preached his first sermon, and was installed as the Pastor on April 17, 1993. He graduated from Bethel Bible Institute in Wilmington, DE, and was chosen as the class valedictorian. He was ordained as an Elder on June 24, 1994. While pastoring he has implemented many new programs, and ministries. He is a dynamic teacher and preacher, and many have been blessed and inspired through his ministry.

The role of leader has lead Pastor Avery to have a strong civic calling as well. In the past Pastor Avery has served the community on the Boards of the Kennett YMCA, Tick Tock Early Learning Center, Even Start, Kennett Ministerium, and Kennett Consolidated School District.

Pastor Avery is blessed with two sons, Carlton Mark II and Chandler Monroe, who are both following their father's lead in sharing their blessings with Greater Works Ministries. Dad,

We just wanted to start off saying congratulations on reaching 20 years in ministry. It means a lot to see and know that God has kept you over these years.

We know that things haven't always been good, especially over the last year. Through it all you've taught us by example to trust in God and depend on his word, no matter what we may see naturally.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 says "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." Although things have never been the best you must continue to remember that every struggle is only helping to further shape you into the person God has called you to be.

Continue to take God's hand and walk into the next season WITH-OUT fear. God is leading you, and we at Greater Works are following in expectation.

Love you more than words can say,

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## PASTOR C. MARKAVERY

Courage, Purpose, Determination, Endurance May Jesus grant you these in abundance Working them in you as you trust Him Walk in His ways and live as He has called you.

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings as eagles. *Isaiah 40:31* 

Mother Joanne McKim



Pastor Avery,

We, the congregation of Greater Works Ministries, extend our most heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for the twenty years of ministry that you have provided to us.

We congratulate you for your accomplishments. We are blessed by your faithful and selfless dedication, and the wisdom that you have imparted to us through your preaching and teaching.

Your untiring faith and commitment to God during good time and the times that have not been so good show not only your passion and dedication to God, but to us as well.

Therefore we say to you, Pastor Avery, THANK YOU! We pray that God will continue to bless you, strengthen you, and keep you in His care.

The Congregation of GWM

"And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding. Jeremiah 3:15 "When I look back over my life, and I see all the things God's done for me; been through dangers, heartache, and trouble, I thank the Lord, He rescued me.

> I could have been dead and gone, but the Lord he spared my life. Now I can say, that I 'm still here and it's by the grace of God."

These lyrics speak the sentiment of my heart when I reflect on 20 years of Pastoring. It has not always been easy. Matter of fact, there have been times that I wanted to walk away and remove myself from serving in this capacity. Yes, I felt like giving up, but I was reminded of my assignment and who called me to serve in the kingdom for such a time as this.

When I took the helm of leadership, I did so not knowing what to expect, but I knew that God had equipped me and given me the grace to lead this august body of believers. The Lord has been both faithful and kind to us. Yes, there were dangers, heartaches, and troubles, but I am proud to say that we are still here!

I wish to take this time to thank the Greater Works Ministries family for your love, prayers, support, but most importantly I thank you for believing in the God in me over many transitions during these past 20 years. I believe that God has greater things in store for us, and I am cherish our past, but I am excited about our future.

Thank you for the honor of serving as your Shepherd, I love you all.

Agape', *C Mark Hvery*, Pastor





Raiford Box IV, Gary Jones, Melvin Banks, James Miller



Andria Bank, Wendy Box, Pastor Mark Avery, Desirée Walker, Susi Miller, Elder Richard McKim



Anna Anderson, Shirley Davis, Ella Lee



Mother Joann McKim Elsie Reeves



Chandler Avery, Raiford Box V, Noah Box. C. Mark Avery II



Front: Kaileigh Tinnin, Raiford Box V, Noah Box Back: Frank Hammond, Yvonne Wolfe, Anna Anderson, Joann Bowman, Tonda Hawkins, Marlene Tinnin, Margaret Patton, Shonda Stevens





Tonya Price, C. Mark Avery, E. Richard McKim



Yvonne Wolfe, Elder Richard McKim, Tacie Himelright



Frank Hammond



**Catherine Jones** 



Joann McKim



Dr. Clifford DeBaptiste



Anna Anderson, Wendy Box, Desiree Walker, Elder Richard McKim, Mother Joann McKim, Shirley Davis, Helen Reeves, Minister Tonya Price Not shown: Catherine Jones

20th Anniversary Banquet

Saturday, April 20th, 5:00 pm

Open and Introduction of MC Elder Richard McKim Master of Ceremonies

Bishop Carl A. Turner, Sr. Solo

Sister Dolores Ford Blessing of Food

Deacon Raiford Box, IV Dinner

Tribute to Pastor Avery Sister Desirée A. Walker

Introduction of Speaker

Bishop Fernwood Jones Closing and Benediction



20th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, April 21, 10:45 am

Prayer Scripture Praise and Worship Praise Dance Sister Wendy Box Offering/Announcements Introduction of Speaker Bishop Michael Shelby Benediction



