


WOOTEN CHORAL ENSEMBLE PRESENTS



# TOTAL PRAISE

*Founder's Day Musical*



Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>  
3 PM

**BETH EDEN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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# '26 FOUNDER'S DAY TOTAL PRAISE PROGRAM

*I Was Glad*

*I Love To Praise Him*

*Greetings*

Lori Caesar, PRESIDENT

## **Richard Smallwood Tribute**

*Anthem of Praise*

*Psalm 8*

*Angels*

*I Love The Lord*

*Center of My Joy*

*Healing*

*Total Praise*

*Offering*

## **Eric Thomas Tribute**

*Jesus Delivered Me*

*There's A Blessing In Store For You*

*I've Got To Praise The Lord*

*Lord I Wanna Thank You*

*Remarks*

*Close To Thee*

*Beams of Heaven*



Richard  
*Smallwood*

(November 30, 1948 – December 30, 2025)

was a renowned American gospel pianist, singer-songwriter, and producer who revolutionized contemporary gospel by blending it with classical music. Known for masterpieces like "Total Praise," "Center of My Joy," and "I Love the Lord," he was a Grammy-nominated artist and member of the Gospel Music Hall of Fame.



Eric  
*Thomas*

(February 13, 1968) was officially elected as Pastor of Greater Harvest M.B.

Church on February 21, 2007. Elder Thomas is a product of Greater Harvest M.B.C., his musical gift was immediately demonstrated at age 3. At age 7, under the direction of his grandmother, the late Mildred Cole, he played the piano for the Sylvia Boddie Youth Choir and began his spiritual growth under the leadership of the late Rev. Henry Bracken. He was a student of the late Dr. Robert E. Wooten, Sr. and has served as a musician with the Wooten Choral Ensemble since his teens.



Dr. Robert E. Wooten, Sr., FOUNDER  
Robert E. Wooten, Jr., DIRECTOR  
Lyndsey Schaffer, CHORAL DIRECTOR  
Jeremy White, CHORAL DIRECTOR  
Tyrone Blair, PERCUSSIONIST  
Dexter Sims, BASSIST

Lori Caesar, PRESIDENT  
Robert Powell, VICE-PRESIDENT  
Juanita Smith, TREASURER  
Michelle Harris, RECORDING SECRETARY  
Claretta Hobbs, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

### **SOPRANOS**

Lisa Hamilton • Monica McKelphin • Vivan Patrick  
Lyndsey Schaffer • Juanita Smith • Sandra Thornton

### **ALTO**

Carol Branker • Karen Caesar • Lori Caesar • Michelle Harris  
Claretta Hobbs • Tangee Lobbins • Carol Powell • Ester Thurman

### **TENOR**

Leo Clark • Bryant Gambrel • Carol Jenkins • Ramon Morton  
Robert Powell • Alma West • Gardis Watts • Jeremy White

### **BASS**

Tyrone Blair • Richard Keller • Greg Rush • Dexter Sims

### **NURSE**

Elnora Martin

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