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NBCI Applauds the Alfred Street Baptist Church for Paying the Rent of 338 Low-Income Families

WASHINGTON, DC - The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 150,000 African American and Latino faith communities, comprising 27.7 million members, which stands up and applauds Alfred Street Baptist Church for paying the rent, including back rent for 300 families. This is what the Christian church should do, if it can, to demonstrate Christ's love for the poor. This is a big deal! This is the church acting like a church, healing the souls of those in need. We hope now they will all come to church

Rev. Anthony Evans, President of the National Black Church Initiative, said, "Praise the Lord! This is a clear demonstration of the fruit of the Spirit of God found in Galatians. We live in a world where people think that it was a publicity stunt. NBCI must say this is the real thing. God bless Pastor Howard John Wesley and every member of the Alfred Baptist Church. I am so proud to be both a Baptist and a Christian. Today, the church has many critics on YouTube and social media, but none of them said a numbing word about this act of Christian love. They do not report on love; they only report on evil. Wow!"

According to the Christian channel analysis of Gelation, the ability to wait in faith without giving up, without murmuring, and without losing sweetness until God's time has arrived. Long-suffering is the opposite of the flesh's haste. It is the spirit's virtue that teaches us to trust when

God's silence seems prolonged. In 2 Peter 3:9, it is written, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise as some men count slackness but is long-suffering toward." In other words, God himself is patient with us and invites us to reflect on that same character. This spiritual patience is not passivity. This type of giving is faith in action. It is prayer that continues even without an answer. The faithfulness that remains even without applause. It is in this soil of waiting that the character of Christ matures. Every apparent delay is a lesson in Christian self-control and spiritual growth, Paul continues, "The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness." And here he touches something rarely discussed but deeply defining for life in the spirit.

ABOUT NBCI

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 150,000 African American and Latino churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. The mission of NBCI is to provide critical wellness information to all its members, congregants, churches, and the public. NBCI utilizes faith and sound health science, partnering with major organizations and officials to reduce racial disparities in various areas, as cited above. NBCI's programs are guided by credible statistical analysis, science-based strategies and techniques, and methods that deliver effective solutions to complex economic and social challenges.