Our Mission
To lead a dying world into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ our Lord and savior.
--Matthew 28:19–20

Our Vision
We will LOVE and TRAIN disciples through the WORD of God and through His Holy Ghost POWER.
--Acts 1: 8

Services
Sunday School
9:30 AM
Sunday Worship
11:00 AM
Wednesday Prayer
6:30 PM
Wednesday Bible Study
7:00 PM

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Following a revival led by the Rev. Charles Kennedy, Greater Friendship Baptist Church was founded on June 22, 1951. After months of services at First Baptist Church, the congregation moved to a series of temporary homes before purchasing the 13th and Ingra property in 1952. Rev. Kennedy dedicated the first, wooden church later that year. That building burned down in 1953. The current church building opened in 1955 at the same location and was partially built with materials salvaged from the also burned First Baptist. The exterior was significantly remodeled in 1977 and 2017.

Greater Friendship Baptist Church was the first black church established in Alaska. All subsequent black churches in Alaska either directly, as with Shiloh Missionary Baptist in 1952 and New Hope Baptist in 1960, or indirectly followed the path paved by Greater Friendship.

Greater Friendship also played a significant role in the integration of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), the largest Protestant denomination in the United States, and the second largest Christian denomination after the Catholic Church. Greater Friendship was the first black church to affiliate with the SBC. Also, Greater Friendship Pastor Rev. Leo Josey, Sr. was the first African American to represent the SBC at a state level when he was unanimously elected as vice-president of the 1965 Alaska Baptist Convention.

Pastors

Rev. Charles Kennedy 1951-1955
Rev. L. Lewis 1955-1959
Rev. O.R. Pigford 1960-1962
Rev. Leo Josey, Sr. 1962-1969
Rev. H. Ring Griffin, Jr. 1969-1970
Rev. Mark Smith Interim 1985-1986
Rev. Clifton J. Gay III Interim 1996
Rev. Leon D. May I 1997-2009
Rev. Michael A. Bunton 2014-Present