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Memphis Safe Task Force (MSTF) leadership and United States Attorney Dunavant meet with faith community

Pastor Ronnie C. King hosts and facilitates meeting of 30 area churches and community organizers at historic Grace Baptist Church

MEMPHIS, Tenn., February 26, 2026 – Organized by the United States Attorney’s Office for the Western District of Tennessee, on February 24, 2026, leadership of the Memphis Safe Task Force met with more than 30 church and community organizers at Grace Baptist Church in Memphis to discuss the continued success of the MSTF and collaborative efforts to reduce and federally prosecute violent crime offenses in Memphis.

Director of the United States Marshals Service, **Gadyaces Serralta** was joined by U.S. Attorney **D. Michael Dunavant**, U.S. Marshal **Tyrecee Miller**, and Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal **James Edge**. The meeting was hosted and facilitated by Senior **Pastor Ronnie C. King** and focused on strengthening collaboration between law enforcement and the faith community.

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The Memphis Safe Task Force, a multi-agency initiative, was organized in September 2025 to combat violent crime in Memphis. It is composed of federal, state, and local law enforcement, as well as the Tennessee National Guard, which focuses on arresting violent criminals, clearing warrants, seizing firearms, and locating missing children. Since the operation began, the MSTF has found 148 missing children. This operation reflects the Memphis Safe Task Force’s commitment to coordinated enforcement efforts and its mission to identify, apprehend, and hold accountable those who pose a threat to public safety.

Anyone with information about wanted fugitives is encouraged to submit it via the USMS Tips app. More information about the U.S. Marshals Service can be found at <http://www.usmarshals.gov>.



Among those attending the February 24, 2026 meeting were Director of the United States Marshals Service Gadyaces Serralta, U.S. Attorney D. Michael Dunavant, U.S. Marshal Tyrecee Miller, and Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal James Edge. (Photo/Courtesy: Memphis Safe Task Force)



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Pastor Ronnie C. King has the distinction of having served as chaplain in the U.S. Navy. (Photo/ Grace Baptist Church website)



Area community leaders participate in Memphis Safe Task Force (MSTF) meeting. (Photo/Courtesy: MSTF)

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