

Come Home to Family

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God has left you and me here for a purpose. He has given us the wonderful privilege of advancing His kingdom. We don't have to travel to some far and distant land to be used by God. There are opportunities right here in our own concentric circle of concerns. Many of us have members of our family who don't have a saving personal relationship with the Lord. We also have friends and associates who are not saved. Often we over look these opportunities until it is too late. I believe the remedy to the ills of our world is Jesus. The hurts we see can be healed in Jesus. The misdirection of our society can be corrected in Jesus. The violence that disturbs our streets can be put to rest in Jesus Christ. The key to dispensing this life-saving, life-changing, and life-securing is you, the believer. You and I must take seriously our charge and responsibility to share our faith. Jesus says: *"Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age."* (Matthew 28:19-20, The Message) The apostle Peter writes: *"Through thick and thin, keep your hearts at attention, in adoration before Christ, your Master. Be ready to speak up and tell anyone who asks why you're living the way you are, and always with the utmost courtesy."* (1 Peter 3:15, The Message)

I am asking you to be a part of a thrust that can make an amazing difference in your life and in the life of others. This thrust is a challenge for you to reach "12 in 2012." The essence of this thrust is "I. P. W. I." The "I" is for Identify. Ask God to help you identify persons in your family and/or among your friends and associates that don't have a

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Highlighted Ministry Events

Family Spirituality Weekend

Friday, February 24, 2012

Banquet

Saturday, February 25, 2012

Classes & Resource Fair

Sermon Topics

(all sermons by Pastor Johnson unless otherwise noted)

- December 4 "Shaking the Family Tree"
Matthew 1:1-6, 17
- December 11 "Shaking the Family Tree (part 2)"
Matthew 1:6b-11
- December 18 "Shaking the Family Tree (part 3)"
Matthew 1:12-16
- December 25 "Good News for Bad Times"
Isaiah 9:6-7

Deacon's Lesson

Authentic Relationships

Lesson 4: **It's Not All About You¹**

Goal: **Build Authentic Relationships by Reestablishing the Art of “One Anothering.”**

Objective: **Provide Scriptural support for honoring one another above ourselves.**

Overview:

We live in a world today where most people focus primarily on themselves. This is an ‘all about me’ world. People manipulate others to get their way and often are very demanding. For example, during the Christmas season, there are atheists who demand that nativity scenes be removed because *it is offensive to them*. What about the rights of Christians to freely worship and celebrate the advent of the living God? The social media promotes putting self-first and the masses seem to join the ranks. Have you been blinded by an inclination to see Christianity through a lens that validates only *your own needs and desires*? Have you considered the need to overcome the challenges in ministry or Christian living that causes so many to focus on ‘*my gifts, my abilities, my passions and my vision*’?² People struggle for self-satisfaction by any means necessary only to find that true peace and happiness can only be found in trusting God. He is faithful to do just that. *“A life lived in love will only work out of a growing trust in God to provide for us and show us how to love people he has put near us.”*³

Jesus states that we are in the world, but not of the world. (John 7:14-16) As a body of believers, we are to be opposite or counter to the world's belief and values. We are a peculiar people of God, called to serve others in love. To help build a healthy congregation, we must be devoted to one another showing affection and preferring others above ourselves. The freedom and liberty we have in Christ as mature Christians should enable us to meet the needs and well-being of others. As we further engage in the art of one anothering by giving to others, we must trust God to fulfill our needs. Just think how beautiful and wonderful an experience we can all enjoy as the body of Christ, when we make God's love known by honoring others in a self-preferring world.⁴

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)

“Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another.” (Roman 12:10)

In today's society it is not unusual to have a crowded agenda. We become caught up in fulfilling our own needs. How often have we found ourselves insensitive to the needs and feelings of others? Consider this; Jesus' own disciples who had walked closely with Him for three years were just as guilty. In Mark 10: 33-34, Jesus announced to the disciples His pending crucifixion, preceded by beatings, and mocking. Yet, James and John asked for a seat on the right and left of Him in glory. The other disciples were indignant perhaps because they had not asked first. (Mark 10: 35 -41) Are we any different? Jesus said to them eventually that whoever wants to be great must be your servant and that even He did not come to be served but to serve. (Mark 10:43-45) Consumed by our own mission, we do not tune in so to speak to hear the heart of another person who may be longing to be heard, understood, and shown attention or empathy. Instead, we hurriedly rush off to fulfill our own needs. The story is told of the little boy who got lost from his mother at the mall. In her anguish, she found him sometime later with his little nose pinned to the window of a manger scene. He said “Look mommy! It is Jesus – baby Jesus in the hay!” With obvious indifference to his joy and wonder, she jerked him away and said, “Come with me. We don't have time for that!” Are you that mother? Are you those disciples? Let us, brothers and sisters in Christ, be even more aware of the needs and feelings of others than ourselves. Remember, it is not all about you.

¹Jacoben, W., & Jacoben, C. Authentic Relationship: discover the lost art of “one anothering”. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Publishing Group, (2003). Print

²Ibid. p. 46

³Ibid. p. 48

⁴Ibid. p. 54

Flowers Enhancing the Beauty of the Sanctuary

January 1

In Loving Memory of

Ernest & Eva Berry

Callie Kennedy

Bernice James

Placed there by

The Berry Family

January 8

In Loving Memory of

Flora R.

&

Alfred L. Williams, Sr.

Beloved Mother & Father

of

Gwendolyn Williams

January 15

In Celebration

*Margarette Wells -
January 18th*

*Tanya Pittman -
January 21st*

& All January Birthdays

*"With long life will I satisfy him and show
him my salvation."*

Psalm 91:16

January 22

In Loving Memory of

Delcenia Crawley -

Daughter, Sister

Placed there by

Emile Crawley, Jr.,

Nicole LaTrice & Emile Crawley, III

Dates are available throughout the year to honor or memorialize your Loved
Ones by dedicating flowers in their name for the Sanctuary.
Please call the Church Office for more information.

Weekly Sunday School Lessons (and Daily Bible Readings)

JOSEPH SHOWS CHARACTER

Lesson 5	January 1
Devotional Reading:	1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Background Scripture:	Genesis 37, 39
Print Passage:	Genesis 39:7-21a
Key Verse:	Genesis 39:9
26 "A Man Sent Ahead"	(Psalm 105:16-22)
27 "Joseph's Story"	(Acts 7:9-16)
28 "Facing Temptation"	(Luke 22:39-46)
29 "Enduring Temptation"	(1 Corinthians 10:1-13)
30 "Choosing the Way of Faithfulness"	(Psalm 119:25-32)
31 "A Responsible Servant"	(Genesis 39:1-6)
1 "Guided by a Loving Lord"	(Genesis 39:7-21a)

JOSEPH FINDS FAVOR

Lesson 6	January 8
Devotional Reading:	Genesis 49:22-26
Background Scripture:	Genesis 41
Print Passage:	Genesis 41:37-46; 50-52
Key Verse:	Genesis 41:38
2 "Interpretations Belong to God"	(Genesis 40:1-8)
3 "Restored to Office"	(Genesis 40:9-15)
4 "The Predictions Come True"	(Genesis 40:16-23)
5 "The Interpreter Remembered"	(Genesis 41:1-13)
6 "Pharaoh's Dreams"	(Genesis 41:14-24)
7 "The Dreams Interpreted"	(Genesis 41:25-36)
8 "A Discerning and Wise Leader"	(Genesis 41:37-46, 50-52)

GOD PRESERVES A REMNANT

Lesson 7	January 15
Devotional Reading:	Psalms 81:1-10
Background Scripture:	Genesis 42:1 - 46:7
Print Passage:	Genesis 45:3-15
Key Verse:	Genesis 45:8
9 "A Famine in Canaan"	(Genesis 42:1-5)
10 "Joseph Recognized His Brothers"	(Genesis 42:6-17)
11 "Paying the Penalty"	(Genesis 42:18-25)
12 "Hold Me Accountable"	(Genesis 43:1-14)
13 "Benjamin Detained in Egypt"	(Genesis 44:1-13)
14 "A Father's Suffering"	(Genesis 44:24-34)
15 "A Brother Revealed"	(Genesis 45:3-15)

JOSEPH TRANSMITS ABRAHAM'S PROMISE

Lesson 8	January 22
Devotional Reading:	Deuteronomy 7:6-11
Background Scripture:	Genesis 50
Print Passage:	Genesis 50:15-26
Key Verse:	Genesis 50:20
16 "A Divine Confirmation"	(Genesis 46:1-7)
17 "Settled in a New Land"	(Genesis 46:28 - 47:6)
18 "A Father's Heritage"	(Genesis 48:8-16)
19 "A Father's Blessing"	(Genesis 49:22-26)
20 "A Father's Final Wish"	(Genesis 49:29 - 50:6)
21 "A Child's Final Duty"	(Genesis 50:7-14)
22 "Reconciliation in the Family"	(Genesis 50:15-26)

ISRAEL IS DELIVERED FROM EGYPT

Lesson 9	January 29
Devotional Reading:	Psalms 77:11-20
Background Scripture:	Exodus 1 - 15
Print Passage:	Exodus 15:1-5, 19-26
Key Verse:	Genesis 15:19
23 "A Mighty Redemption"	(Psalm 77:11-20)
24 "A Strong People"	(Exodus 1:1-7)
25 "A New King"	(Exodus 1:8-14)
26 "A Treacherous Plan"	(Exodus 1:15-22)
27 "A Divine Intervention"	(Exodus 15:4-10)
28 "An Unsurpassable God"	(Exodus 15:11-18)
29 "A New Ordinance"	(Exodus 15:1-5, 19-26)

Reading thru the Bible in a Year

January

1	Genesis 1, 2	Matthew 1
2	Genesis 3, 4, 5	Matthew 2
3	Genesis 6, 7, 8	Matthew 3
4	Genesis 9, 10, 11	Matthew 4
5	Genesis 12, 13, 14	Matthew 5:1-26
6	Genesis 15, 16, 17	Matthew 5:27-48
7	Genesis 18, 19	Matthew 6
8	Genesis 20, 21, 22	Matthew 7
9	Genesis 23, 24	Matthew 8
10	Genesis 25, 26	Matthew 9:1-17
11	Genesis 27, 28	Matthew 9:18-38
12	Genesis 29, 30	Matthew 10:1-23
13	Genesis 31, 32	Matthew 10:24-42
14	Genesis 33, 34, 35	Matthew 11
15	Genesis 36, 37	Matthew 12:1-21
16	Genesis 38, 39, 40	Matthew 12:22-50
17	Genesis 41	Matthew 13:1-32
18	Genesis 42, 43	Matthew 13:33-58
19	Genesis 44, 45	Matthew 14:1-21
20	Genesis 46, 47, 48	Matthew 14:22-36
21	Genesis 49, 50	Matthew 15:1-20
22	Exodus 1, 2, 3	Matthew 15:21-39
23	Exodus 4, 5, 6	Matthew 16
24	Exodus 7, 8	Matthew 17
25	Exodus 9, 10	Matthew 18:1-20
26	Exodus 11, 12	Matthew 18:21-35
27	Exodus 13, 14, 15	Matthew 19:1-15
28	Exodus 16, 17, 18	Matthew 19:16-30
29	Exodus 19, 20, 21	Matthew 20:1-16
30	Exodus 22, 23, 24	Matthew 20:17-24
31	Exodus 25, 26	Matthew 21:1-22

February

1	Exodus 27, 28	Matthew 21:23-46
2	Exodus 29, 30	Matthew 22:1-22
3	Exodus 31, 32, 33	Matthew 22:23-46
4	Exodus 34, 35, 36	Matthew 23:1-22
5	Exodus 37, 38	Matthew 23:23-39

Event Schedule

Jan 1 - Sunday

- 8:15 Dawn Seekers Class - FH
- 9:30 Sunday Church School
TABS-Truth Applied Bible Series (3 Classes)
- 11:00 Morning Worship (Lord's Supper)
- 1:30 Group #7
- 6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) - BC

Jan 2 - Monday

(Office2s Closed)

Jan 3 - Tuesday

- 6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous)- BC

Jan 4 - Wednesday

- 6:00 Teachers' Bible Study - Rm 2161
- 7:00 Prayer & Praise Service

Jan 5 - Thursday

- 5:00 Male Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal

Jan 6 - Friday

- 4:45 Girl Scouts (Troop #1261)
- 6:00 Liturgical Dance Ministry
Rehearsal-Sanc.

Jan 7 - Saturday

- 7:30 Minister's Meeting - FH
- 10:00 Leadership Council - (2156)
- 12:00 Knitting / Quilting Class - Rm 2159
- 12:00 N.A. (Narcotics Anonymous) - BC
- 12:00 Board of Christian Education
- 1:00 Board of Deaconess

Jan 8 - Sunday

- 8:15 Dawn Seekers Class - FH
- 9:30 Sunday Church School
TABS-Truth Applied Bible Series (3 Classes)
- 11:00 Morning Worship (Baptism)
- 1:30 GROUP #15 - Rm 2173
- 1:30 GROUP #2/16
- 4:00 PRIVATE EVENT
- 6:00 VESPER SERVICE - HARTFORD
MEMORIAL
- 6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) - BC

Jan 9 - Monday

- 10:00 AARP Chapter 4803
- 4:30 Prayer Partners - Quiet Room
- 6:00 Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting - Rm 2152

- 6:30 Mon. Night Bible Study-Romans-2156
"Temple Maintenance: Developing
a Whole Temple Through the Study
of Romans"

Jan 10 - Tuesday

- 6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous)- BC
- 6:30 Pastor's Bible Study (Adult)- M.R.
"If God is Good Why Do I Hurt?"
- 6:30 Children's Bible Study -
"Following the Bible" (ages 5-8)
"Growing Through the Bible" (8-12)
- 6:30 Youth Bible Study - "Digging Deep
for a Spiritual Foundation" (ages 13-17)

Jan 11 - Wednesday

- 12:00 Noon Bible Study-(Pro., Eccl.) -FH
- 6:00 Teachers' Bible Study - Rm 2161
- 7:00 Prayer Meeting

Jan 12 - Thursday

- 5:00 Male Choir Rehearsal
- 5:30 Thursday Night Bible Class-Psalms
"The Well of Enlightenment"
- 6:30 Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal

Jan 13 - Friday

- 12:00 PRIVATE EVENT
- 6:00 Friday Night Bible Study "Study
Through 1 Corinthians"
- 6:00 Liturgical Dance Ministry
Rehearsal-Sanc.

Jan 14 - Saturday

- 8:45 MEDCCE
- 12:00 Community MLK Celebration at
Great Lakes Baptist District
Leadership & Ed. Congress
at Antioch Missionary Bapt. Church
1083 E. Stewart, Flint, MI
- 12:00 Quilting / Knitting Class - Rm 2159
- 12:00 N.A. (Narcotics Anonymous) - BC
- 1:00 Cherub Choir - Small Choir Room
- 2:00 Bus Ministry (2159)
- 2:30 Contemporary Christian Chorale

Jan 15 - Sunday

- 8:15 Dawn Seekers Class - FH
- 9:00 Sunday Church School Gen. Assmby
- 11:00 Morning Worship (Baby Dedication)
- 1:30 GROUP 4
- 1:30 GROUP #12 (Wilcoxson)
- 1:30 GROUP #13/14 - Rm 2170
- 1:30 GROUP #19
- 1:30 GROUP #21

- 1:30 GROUP #29
- 1:30 GROUP #1 (Chapel)
- 3:30 MESSIAH BAPTIST CHURCH
with Pastor & Congregation
- 4:00 MARR-O-NOTS
- 6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) - BC

Jan 16 - Monday

MARTIN L. KING HOLIDAY
(Offices Closed)

Jan 17 - Tuesday

- 6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous)- BC
- 6:30 Pastor's Bible Study (Adult)- M.R.
"If God is Good Why Do I Hurt?"
- 6:30 Children's Bible Study -
"Following the Bible" (ages 5-8)
"Growing Through the Bible" (8-12)
- 6:30 Youth Bible Study - "Digging Deep
for a Spiritual Foundation" (ages 13-17)

Jan 18 - Wednesday

- 12:00 Noon Bible Study-(Pro., Eccl.) -FH
- 6:00 Teachers' Bible Study - Rm 2161
- 7:00 Prayer Meeting

Jan 19 - Thursday

- 1:00 PRIVATE EVENT
- 5:00 Male Choir Rehearsal
- 5:30 Ushers' Instruction
- 5:30 Thursday Night Bible Class-Psalms
"The Well of Enlightenment"
- 6:30 Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal

Jan 20 - Friday

- 4:45 Girl Scouts (Troop #1261)
- 6:00 Friday Night Bible Study "Study
Through 1 Corinthians"
- 6:00 Liturgical Dance Ministry -Sanc.

Jan 21 - Saturday

- 9:30 SUPER SATURDAY
Women & Girls (Brunch w/ Pastor)
Men & Boys
- 12:00 N.A. (Narcotics Anonymous) - BC
- 12:00 Knitting / Quilting Class - Rm 2159
- 1:00 Sorosis Guild
- 2:30 Contemporary Christian Chorale

Jan 22 - Sunday

- 8:15 Dawn Seekers Class - FH
- 9:30 Sunday Church School
TABS-Truth Applied Bible Series (3 Classes)
- 11:00 Morning Worship
- 1:30 Group #24 - Morris Rm

Event Schedule

1:30 Group #26/28
6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) - BC

Jan 23 - Monday

4:30 Prayer Partners - Quiet Room
6:00 Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting - Rm 2152
6:30 Mon. Night Bible Study-Romans-2156
"Temple Maintenance: Developing a Whole Temple Through the Study of Romans"

Jan 24 - Tuesday

6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous)- BC
6:30 Pastor's Bible Study (Adult)- M.R.
"If God is Good Why Do I Hurt?"
6:30 Children's Bible Study -
"Following the Bible" (ages 5-8)
"Growing Through the Bible" (8-12)
6:30 Youth Bible Study - "Digging Deep for a Spiritual Foundation" (ages 13-17)

Jan 25 - Wednesday

12:00 Noon Bible Study-(Pro., Eccl.) -FH
6:00 Teachers' Bible Study - Rm 2161
7:00 Prayer Meeting

Jan 26 - Thursday

5:00 Male Choir Rehearsal

5:30 Thursday Night Bible Class-Psalms
"The Well of Enlightenment"

6:00 Women & Girls' Committee Mtg
6:30 Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal

Jan 27 - Friday

6:00 Friday Night Bible Study "Study Through 1 Corinthians"
6:00 Liturgical Dance Ministry -Sanc.

Jan 28 - Saturday

10:30 Love & Respect for Married Couples
12:00 Knitting / Quilting Class - Rm 2159

Jan 29 - Sunday

8:15 Dawn Seekers Class - FH
9:30 Sunday Church School
TABS-Truth Applied Bible Series (3 Classes)
11:00 Morning Worship
Installation of Officers
1:30 Young Adult Fellowship w/ Pastor
2:00 PRIVATE EVENT (Morris Rm)
6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) - BC

Jan 30 - Monday

4:30 Prayer Partners - Quiet Room
6:00 Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting - Rm 2152

6:30 Mon. Night Bible Study-Romans-2156
"Temple Maintenance: Developing a Whole Temple Through the Study of Romans"

Jan 31 - Tuesday

6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous)- BC
6:30 Pastor's Bible Study (Adult)- M.R.
"If God is Good Why Do I Hurt?"
6:30 Children's Bible Study -
"Following the Bible" (ages 5-8)
"Growing Through the Bible" (8-12)
6:30 Youth Bible Study - "Digging Deep for a Spiritual Foundation" (ages 13-17)

FH - Fellowship Hall
BC - Beechwood Campus



Prayer & Praise

January 4
Pastor Johnson

January 11
Group #6/23
Deacon Samuel Johnson/Deacon Redus Hale

January 18
Group #4
Deacon Emanuel Haley

January 25
Group #12
Deacon Troy Robertson

February 1
Group #15
Deacon Theron Harley

Fellowship Hour

January 8
Group #7 (Up & Doing)
Bro. Walter Pressley

January 15
The Sorosis Guild
Sis. Sharon Ruff-Fugget

January 22
Tabernacle Choir & Male Choir
Sister Darnetta Banks & Brother Alan Wells

January 29
(No Coffee Hour)

February 12
Group #24 (Count On Me)
Sis. Darlene Tansil

What's Happening

Hartford Memorial Baptist Church
Vesper Services
Rev. Dr. Charles G. Adams, Pastor
18700 James Couzens Freeway
Sunday, January 8 @ 6:00 pm

..... Jan 8

MEDCEE
Saturday, January 14 @ 8:45am

..... Jan 14

Community Martin Luther King, Jr.
Celebration at Great Lakes Baptist District
Leadership and Educational Congress
Antioch Missionary Baptist Church
1083 E. Stewart - Flint, Michigan
Saturday, January 14 @ 12:00 noon

..... Jan 14

Messiah Baptist Church
Installation of Officers
Rev. Orville Littlejohn, Pastor
8100 West 7 Mile Road,
Sunday, January 15 @ 3:30 pm

..... Jan 15

Super Saturday
Saturday, January 21 @ 9:30 am
Men & Boys meeting with food, fellowship, & fun.
Women & Girls' meeting in a special "Brunch with
the Pastor." Our Purpose, Our Joy, Our Hope in
Jesus!" Scripture is 1 Chronicles 16:10-11, NLT

..... Jan 21

Love & Respect for Married Couples
Saturday, January 28 @ 10:30 am

..... Jan 28

Installation of Tabernacle Officers
Sunday, January 29 @ 11:00 am, Sanctuary

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Young Adult Fellowship with Pastor
Sunday, January 29
Immediately following Morning Worship

..... Jan 29

60th Annual Black Heritage Luncheon
Sponsored by Tabernacle's Usher's Ministry
Saturday, February 18 @ 12 noon (FH)

..... Feb 18

Family Spirituality Weekend
February 24, 25, 26, 2012

..... Feb 24

Weekly Bible Study

Sunday

8:15 am.....Dawnseekers Class (FH)
9:30 am.....Believer's Baptism Class (CDC)
9:30 am..... Sunday Church School (All Ages)
The Truth Applied Bible Series (T.A.B.S.)
9:30 am.....New Member's Class (2153)

Monday

6:30 pm..... Monday Night Bible Class - Romans (2156)

Tuesday

Family Bible Study

6:30 pm.....Pastor's Bible Class
6:30 pm.....2080 on the River Bible Study
- Youth (Green Rm.)
6:30 pm..... T.A.B. Zone Bible Class
- Children (Ed. Wing)

Wednesday

12:00 pm..... Noon Bible Study - Psalms (FH)
6:00 pm..... Teacher's Bible Study (2159)

Thursday

5:30 pm..... Thursday Night Bible Class - Psalms (2168)
"The Well of Enlightenment"

Friday

6:00 pm..... Friday Night Bible Study
"Study Through 1 Corinthians"

12 in 2012 - I.P.W.I.

conclusion

saving relationship with the Lord. The "P" is for Pray. Pray for the persons you identify, pray for the opportunity to share your faith with them. "W" is for Witness. Share with the persons you have identified and prayed for the good news of Jesus Christ. Share with them the reason why you believe and the result you seen in your own life due to accepting Jesus as your personal savior. The last "I" is for Invite. Invite them to become a part of our church family. Invite them to come and grow in their relationship with the Lord. Invite them to be blessed by the genuine, encouraging fellowship of our church.

You and I can easily do this. We can throughout the year reach 12 individuals for Jesus Christ. You might find that you will reach many more than twelve. You must know that you are not responsible for saving anyone, but you are responsible for sharing your faith. So, will you join me, will you accept the challenge to be a part of the evangelistic thrust: "12 in 2012"? Johnson Oatman challenges us with these words:

Stanza 1:

How to reach the masses, men of every birth, For an answer, Jesus gave the key:
"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, Will draw all men unto Me."

Stanza 2:

Oh! the world is hungry for the Living Bread, Lift the Savior up for them to see;
Trust Him, and do not doubt the words that He said, "I'll draw all men unto Me."

Stanza 3:

Don't exalt the preacher, don't exalt the pew,
Preach the Gospel simple, full and free;
Prove Him and you will find that promise is true,
"I'll draw all men unto Me."

Stanza 4:

Lift Him up by living as a Christian ought, Let the world in you the Savior see;
Then men will gladly follow Him Who once taught,
"I'll draw all men unto Me."

Refrain:

Lift Him up, Lift Him up, Still He speaks from eternity:
"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, Will draw all men unto Me."

"12 in 2012 - I.P.W.I"

Pastor Nathan Johnson, D.D., Senior Pastor

Pastor Johnson's Preaching Engagements for January 2012

Sunday, January 8 @ 6:00 pm
Vesper Services @ Hartford Memorial Baptist Church * 18700 James Couzens Freeway
Rev. Dr. Charles G. Adams, Pastor

Saturday, January 14 @ 12:00 noon
Community Martin Luther King Celebration
Great Lakes Baptist District Leadership and Educational Congress
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Sunday, January 15 @ 6:00 pm
Installation of Officers @ Messiah Baptist Church * 8100 West 7 Mile Road,
Rev. Orville Littlejohn, Pastor

Get Connected

Introducing an additional opportunity to study the Word!

T.A.B.S.

The Truth Applied Bible Series (T.A.B.S.) will examine everyday issues and how to apply the principles of God's Word to our life. In addition to the International Sunday School Lesson, the Church School will provide quarterly T.A.B.S. as an option for the engaged student. Look for registration information soon. Classes begin October 2011.

IMPORTANT!!!!

ALL Announcements you would like to submit for publishing in the Monthly Newsletter **MUST BE SUBMITTED** to the Clerk's Office or e-mailed to ftaylor@tmbcdetroit.org 45 days prior to the event.

JOIN THE DANCE MINISTRY

Praise the Lord with your BODY, Mind and Spirit. The Dance Ministry rehearses on Fridays at 6:00 p.m. Call Church Office for more details.

PRAYER REQUEST BOXES

can be found outside of the Sampson Chapel and in the Vestibule of the church. You may also email your prayer requests to prayer@tmbcdetroit.org

DO YOU KNOW A "SHUT IN" who would like a visitation?

Leave a message for Group #10 with the Church Office

COMING SOON... to H.O.P.E.

(Helping Operations for People Empowerment) Mini Market with fresh fruits and vegetables to complement our Bakery. For more information call 313-897-5503

ONLINE GIVING

may be the right opportunity for you! Take your contribution today "ONLINE" at www.tmbcdetroit.org. This is a great way to help your church. Try it today!!!

QUILTING & KNITTING

Learn to make precious items & gifts for friends and fellowship at the same time. Every Saturday at 12 noon in Room 2159. BRING No. 8 knitting needles, worsted wool yarn & scissors

REMINDER

All "First Saturday Meetings" (Leadership Council, Ministers, Deacons, etc.) will be held on the Saturday BEFORE the 1st Sunday.

MOM 2 MOM

For information please email Sis. Johnson at sisterj@tmbcdetroit.org or Dr. Kimberly Elyse at kelyse@tmbcdetroit.org

IT'S TIME TO ACT!

Please complete the Membership Registration Card and drop it in the marked boxes outside of the Sanctuary doors. Call the Church Clerk's Office if you have any questions.

ENDOWMENT FUND!

The Endowment Program was established with a two-fold purpose:

- 1) to increase parishioner awareness of the long-term financial needs of the church, and
- 2) to lay the groundwork to sustain our church in perpetuity. This program is open to all gifts of any size and most forms of giving. An endowment gift is one of the most important aspects of stewardship, as it is investment in the future. Contact the Church Office for additional information.

WORSHIP ARTS MINISTRY

Tabernacle Choir - Women & Girls' Choir - Cherub (Children's) Choir, Men's Choir - One Liturgical Dance - Drama - Contemporary Christian Chorale - TNT Steppers - Mime
CALL Church Office for rehearsal times

BOOKSTORE

Make OUR Bookstore - YOUR Bookstore Gift Certificates - Gifts - Specialty Items. Please Call 313.899.8935 for our Hours. Open Sundays before & after service.

COMPUTER LAB USAGE

Please treat the computers in the computer lab with care, do not change anything (e.g. desktop wallpaper, home page, etc.) Please report any problems or concerns to Deacon Clarke at 313-898-3325. Thank you.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Pastor will recognize ALL birthdays & anniversaries on the 4th Sunday of each month ONLY! (These observances will still be a part of the Sunday video presentation and still showing weekly, just not acknowledged)

INQUIRING MINDS . . .

There are Surveys online for the Evangelism Ministry and the Health Ministry. Please Participate!
Go to www.tmbcdetroit.org

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

CULINARY ARTS MINISTRY needs volunteers!! Please call the Events Coordinator!!

USHERS' MINISTRY

Please contact the church office or give your contact information to any usher.

Tab/HOPE S.A.Y. YES!

Volunteers needed - Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm. For more information contact the HOPE office at (313-897-5503 or hope@tmbcdetroit.org).

BIG SISTERS' MINISTRY

provides child care during worship services for children ages 2½-5. If you are looking for an opportunity to share your gift or talent, please consider providing love and care to these children of God. Contact Big Sisters at 313 898-3325

DOOR MONITORS NEEDED

Contact Deacon Theron Harley @ 313-898-3325

AUTUMN FELLOWSHIP NEEDS DRIVERS

Drivers are needed for the Meals on Wheels program at the Beechwood campus from 10:00am to 11:00am. For more information, please contact Deacon Samuel Johnson in the Autumn Fellowship office at 313-898-3040. Thank you!

GRANT WRITERS NEEDED

If you have experience in grant writing or know of someone, we welcome your assistance. Please contact Rev. Samuel Spruill @ 313-898-3325. Thank you!!

DRAMA MINISTRY

We are preparing for several presentations. We need actors, stagehands, and technical. Call the church for more information.

NURSES NEEDED

Male & Female - contact the church office @ 313-898-3325

Sick & Shut In

ARNOLD, Deaconess Viola
ATKINSON, Sis. Johnnie Mae
ATKINSON, Sis. Susie
BEASLEY, Sis. Oveda
BENNETT, Bro. Roland
BERYL-BANKS, Sis. Cynthia
BOWEN, Sis. Ardenia
BRAGG, Sis. Cheryl Lanier
BROOKS, Sis. Dorothy
BRUNSON, Bro. Todd
BURKE, Bro. Louis & Sis. Verna
BUSCH, Bro. Leon
BYAS, Sis. Flora
CARTER, Sis. Clara
COLLINS, Sis. Janie
DONALDSON, Sis. Willie B.
DOUGLAS, Sis. Priscilla
GALE, Jr., Bro. Sheady
GALTNEY, Sis. Maxine
GEORGE, Deacon John
GILCHRIST, Sis. Doris
GORDON, Sis. Iberia
GRAY, Bro. James
GREEN, Sis. Pamela
HAGUE, Sis. Bertha
HAMLIN, Sis. Eugenia
HARDWAY, Bro. Donald
HARRIS, Bro. Charlie
HICKS, Rev. Dr. Gwendolyn
HICKS, Sis. Mary
HINES, Sis. Bernadine
HOWARD, Sis. Mary
JOHNSON, Sis. Ruby
JONES, Sis. Bernice
JONES, Sis. Jennie

JORDAN, Sis. Georgie
LINEBARGER, Deaconess Nazell
LYNCH, Sis. Willie B.
MANGRUM, Sis. Willie Belle
MAYFIELD, Dr. Jean
McKEE, Sis. Johnnie M.
McNEIL, Dr. Pearl Walker
McNEIL, Sis. Pecie
MILLENDER, Sis. Sara
MILLENER, Bro. Michael
MORRIS, Sis. Dorothy
NEAL, Sis. Lois
NORRIS, Sis. Leola
PATTERSON, Sis. Mamie
PITTMAN, Sis. Juanita
PRUITT, Sis. Bessie
RANDALL, Sis. Jessie
SEATTS, Sis. Rosa
SMITH, Sis. Georgia
SMITH, Bro. Rodney
STEWART, Sis. Beulah C.
STRINGER, Sis. Patricia
TERRY, Sister Elve
THOMAS, Sis. Margaret
WARREN, Bro. Bruce
WARREN, Sis. Thelma
WASHINGTON, Rev. Mary
WOODS, Sis. Naomi
WOODSON, Sis. Mattie

Our Deepest Condolences for the month of December are extended to...

Sister Bessie Bell & family for the loss
of her sister, Ms. Ora Mae Addo

Deacon Kenneth & Sister Viola Hubbard
& family for the loss of her father,
Brother Luby Elton Carman

Trustee Elaine Hudson & family for the
loss of her aunt, Sister Helen Cotton

Brother Harold & Sister Trunella Taylor
& family for the loss of her mother,
Sister Emily D. Russell

Sister Johnie Douglas for the loss of
her sister-in-law, Ms. Roberta Griffin
Douglas, who was also the aunt of
Sister Donna Kitchen

Brother Howard Davis & Brother James
Davis, Jr. & family for the loss of their
father, Mr. James Davis, Sr.

Brother Earnest A. Mace & family
for the loss of his wife,
Sister Rosa Lee Mace

Brother Nathan Turner & family
for the loss of his mother,
Sister Mary Stewart Turner

Sister Virginia Donaldson & family
for the loss of her sister,
Mrs. Girtie Phillips in Chicago Ill

Sister Shermane Sealey & family
for the loss of her mother,
Sister Ailleen Townsend,

Brother Albert Washington & family
for the loss of his brother-in-law,
Mr. Howard Fletcher

Brother DeMarcus Holland & family
for the loss of his mother,
Mrs. Diane Pratt

Please call the church office with information.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Every Sunday

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Church School 9:30 a.m.

Big Sisters - children 2-1/2 - 5 yrs - C.D.C 11:00 a.m.

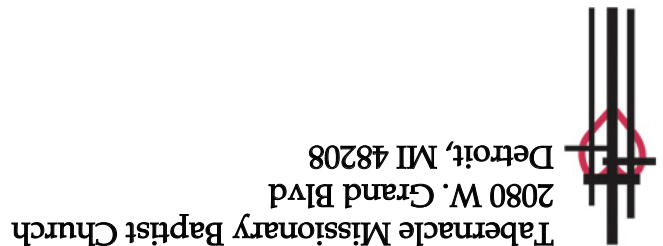
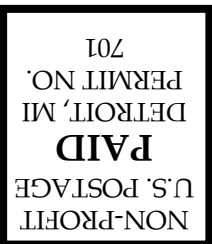
Celebration of Holy Communion • Every 1st Sunday (11:00 a.m.)

Baptism • Every 2nd Sunday (11:00 a.m.) Dedication of Babies • Every 3rd Sunday (11:00 a.m.)

Children's Worship Celebration • Every 1st & 3rd Sunday (11:00 a.m.)

Family Bible Study • Every Tuesday (6:30 p.m.)

Midweek Prayer & Praise Service • Every Wednesday (7:00 p.m.)



Ministry Outreach

Still Busy on Beechwood

Dedicated Volunteers Help Autumn Fellowship and Center for Human Concerns Help Others

It is just past noon on a pork chops-riced-spinach-and-lemonade Wednesday. Chef and Manager Louise Bunkley, who has been going strong since 6 a.m., is finally off her feet for a while. She sits in her office, answering questions about one of Tabernacle's most important outreach efforts – helping to feed and clothe fellow Detroiters who could use a helping hand.

Tab's wide-ranging outreach initiatives include the Autumn Fellowship and Center for Human Concerns. The "autumn" designation is a reference to the senior status of most clients.

Sis. Bunkley's Autumn Fellowship conversation doesn't fade even as she politely eases out of an office chair and walks a few



paces back to the kitchen. The kitchen is the place where most Tabernacle members know Sis. Bunkley works a special kind of Memphis-bred culinary magic. She says she is one of 17 children whose mother made sure all her children could really cook – boys and girls.

Sis. Bunkley moves past fellow staffer Keith Mayberry and speaks with volunteer Geraldine Jackson. She then proceeds to stir a thick and hearty-looking soup, full of chicken, okra, tomatoes, and a symphony of other ingredients.

Welcome to 6125 Beechwood, former church headquarters and now nerve center of Tabernacle's efforts to help provide food

and fellowship for hundreds of west side residents.

Autumn Fellowship's helping hand reaches out in a number of ways.



Food and Fellowship at 6125 Beechwood

A regularly-served sit-down meal is one component of Autumn Fellowship. Residents needing food can come to the facility Monday through Wednesday and get a hot meal served in the basement Multipurpose Room. Depending on the time of month, this program will feed between 60 and 145 people per day.

"We get all ages of people really, even families with children," said Sis. Bunkley. "Usually, we start seeing more people – including more people with children – starting at the middle of the month and then continuing

through the end of the month.”

The fellowship aspect of the sit-down meal is often as important as the food, Sis. Bunkley says, and the animated conversation in the Multipurpose Room on this Wednesday underscores that sentiment.

“It’s true that being around people is important,” Sis. Bunkley said, recalling a number of memorable regulars. “I remember there was this one young man named Tyrone, who is deceased now. He would always come in, and he liked to pray. Wherever he sat in the Multipurpose Room, he would stand up and say, ‘We’re gonna say grace.’ And he had the most beautiful voice. The people liked to hear him sing and pray.”



Delivering Meals and Delivering Hope

Sometimes, Autumn Fellowship’s helping hand needs to stretch beyond Tabernacle’s buildings. Our affiliation with the Detroit Area Agency on Aging makes it possible for the program to provide meals to residents who are unable to make it to the center for sit-down meals.



The home-delivery component provides the meals for home-bound residents Monday through Thursday, utilizing a Bunkley-directed kitchen crew and a fleet of volunteer drivers. Drivers work two per car, with one actually driving while the other serves as a “jumper” -- the volunteer who gets out and delivers the hot meals. Meals are free and include a meat, starch, vegetables, dessert, milk, and juice.

Volunteers who make up a roster of about 44 drivers work on alternating days, using four cars and eight volunteers each day, Monday through Thursday.

Sometimes, Sis. Bunkley emphasizes, drivers deliver much more than food.

“Brother Ulysses Austin organizes the drivers, and he really does a beautiful job,” said Sis. Bunkley. “The drivers go to the resident’s door, and they know it often takes a while for the recipient to answer their knock or ring. They know the person may be on a cane. A lot of times, if they see someone is really lonely, they will take the time to sit and talk with that person.”

The home delivery portion of the Autumn Fellowship ministry feeds up to 80 at-home residents daily. Most recipients are seniors. Some may be somewhat younger clients who are experiencing illness or disability.

“For the most part, the requirements are that they be over 60 and in need,” said Sis. Bunkley.



The food prepared by Sis. Bunkley and her team is largely provided by Forgotten Harvest, a Detroit-area organization founded in 1990 to fight hunger and waste. Forgotten Harvest collects food from more than 450 restaurants, grocery stores, caterers, farmers, and wholesale food distributors who donate surplus, prepared, and perishable food to Forgotten Harvest. The Forgotten Harvest organization then provides the donated items for use in about 200 emergency food pantries, soup kitchens, and other hunger-alleviating initiatives such as Tabernacle's Autumn Fellowship.

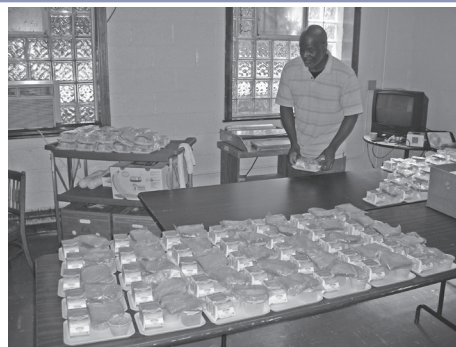


“A lot of what we get through Forgotten Harvest comes from stores such as Kroger, and we really get quite a bit of fresh meat, vegetables, a ton of bread, and desserts such as cakes and pies” Sis. Bunkley explained. “The food is really good, high-quality items.”

Still, Sis. Bunkley likes to note that the food and other assistance Tabernacle gets ultimately comes from a higher source, more bountiful than Kroger or the entire Forgotten Harvest collaborative. She thanks God for routinely making a way out of no way.

Recently, for example, Autumn Fellowship staffers found the ministry would not be receiving a supply of meat and other items during a critical, post-holiday period.

“I happened to go to a wholesaler to pick up some Styrofoam items, and I was thinking of what we could do to put something together for meals,” recalled Sis. Bunkley. “Then the man at the wholesale place just gave us two cases of deli ham and other meats. I was really surprised, but it just goes to show you how God works. He just works.”



From Garments to Groceries



Another area of the 6125 Beechwood building houses the Center for Human Concerns, managed by Sis. Gloria Whittington. The center provides clothes and foodstuffs to area residents. Funds for this outreach service come from Tabernacle's benevolent fund, and clothes are donated by church members and others. Forgotten Harvest donates some vegetables and bread, but most canned foods are provided by the Gleaners organization. The center is officially open only on Thursdays, but sometimes managers can make an exception during emergency situations.

Pastor Nathan Johnson says Tabernacle members should consider the opportunity to use their time and talents through the Autumn Fellowship or Center for Human Concerns ministries. “It is important for a church to be about the business that God has called us to,” said Pastor Johnson. “We should really be an incarnational ministry, which means we should actually put flesh on

the words.”



the Word of God. We are not only to share the Word of God through language but we also must share the Word of God through good deeds?"



“One of the long-term components of ministry in the area of good deeds at Tabernacle has been the Autumn Fellowship ministry, along with the Center for Human Concerns.”

Written by Deacon Danton Wilson

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church to: exalt the Savior through worship and praise, expound the scripture through Biblical preaching and teaching, embrace the saved through membership and fellowship, equip the saints through Christian education and discipleship for the work of the ministry, encourage the struggle through ministries for the whole person and evangelize the sinner through the sharing of the Good News, all empowered by the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, all done to the glory of God

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