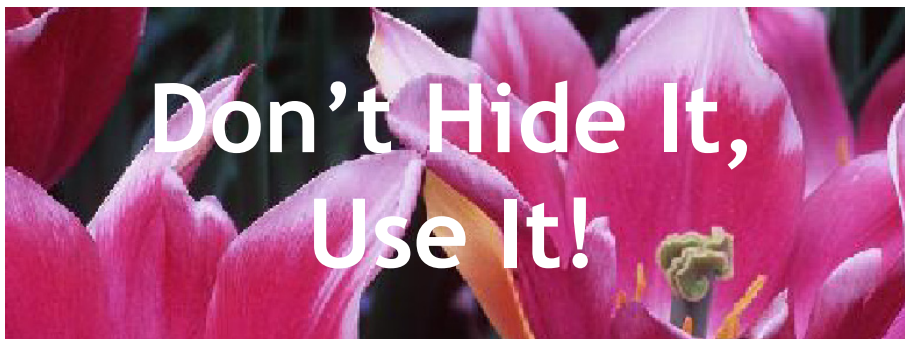


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Do you know that you are a blessed individual? Yes, God has blessed you with unique, wonderful abilities. He has entrusted you with His goods. Your talents, your abilities, your skills are blessings from God. In fact, they still belong to Him. Since they belong to Him, we will be held accountable to Him for the use of them. This is the truth we find in the parable of the talents. Eugene Petersen has paraphrased this parable in this fashion:

*<sup>14</sup> (MSG) "It's also like a man going off on an extended trip. He called his servants together and delegated responsibilities. <sup>15</sup> To one he gave five thousand dollars, to another two thousand, to a third one thousand, depending on their abilities. Then he left. <sup>16</sup> Right off, the first servant went to work and doubled his master's investment. <sup>17</sup> The second did the same. <sup>18</sup> But the man with the single thousand dug a hole and carefully buried his master's money. <sup>19</sup> "After a long absence, the master of those three servants came back and settled up with them. <sup>20</sup> The one given five thousand dollars showed him how he had doubled his investment. <sup>21</sup> His master commended him: 'Good work! You did your job well. From now on be my partner.' <sup>22</sup> "The servant with the two thousand showed how he also had doubled his master's investment. <sup>23</sup> His master commended him: 'Good work! You did your job well. From now on be my partner.' <sup>24</sup> "The servant given one thousand said, 'Master, I know you have high standards and hate careless ways, that you demand the best and make no allowances for error. <sup>25</sup> I was afraid I might disappoint*

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# Highlighted Ministry Events

## Claiming Our Jerusalem

*"Hope Comes to the Neighborhood"*

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH

Saturday, May 26, 2012

starting at 9:00 a.m.

### Pastor Johnson's Preaching Engagements May, 2012

Wed., May 9, 2012 ~ 6:30 p.m.  
76th Church Anniversary @ Mayflower M.B.C.  
2270 West Grand Boulevard \* Detroit, MI  
Rev. Douglas M. Butler, Pastor

Tues. - Thurs., May 15 - 17, 2012 ~ 7:00 p.m.  
Spring Revival @ Unity Baptist Church  
7500 Tireman \* Detroit, MI  
Rev. Dr. Valmon D. Stotts, Sr.

Sat., May 19, 2012 @ 10 a.m. - 12 noon  
MTS (Moody Bible Institute) Commencement Exercises  
@ Highland Park B.C. \* 28600 Lahser Road \* Southfield  
**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!!!**

### Sermon Topics

(all sermons by Pastor Johnson unless otherwise noted)

- April 1 - Palm Sunday . . . . . "Who Is This?"  
*Matthew 21:8-11*
- April 8 - Resurrection Sunday . . . . . "Hope Restored"  
*Luke 24:13-34*
- April 15 . . . . . "You Are Forgiven - Can You Forgive?"  
Rev. Johnnie Harrison  
*Matthew 18:21-35*
- April 22 - Bahamas Fellowship . . . . . Dr. Anthony Carroll  
Pastor, Antioch Native Baptist  
President, Bahamias National Baptist and  
Educational Conventon, Nasaau, Bahamas  
*2 Timothy 3:16-17*
- April 29 . . . . . "You Have What It Takes"  
*Exodus 3:10-14; 4:1-4*

# Deacon's Lesson

## Authentic Relationships

**Lesson 8: Cheerleading<sup>1</sup>**

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

**Objective: Provide Scriptural support for being Cheerleaders of God's Love and Comfort**

### Overview:

We serve an awesome God, who chooses to manifest Himself in the lives of people to encourage and strengthen us. As we seek to obey His Word and grow in relationship with Him we become equipped to encourage others by the power of the Holy Spirit. "Encouraging one another, comforting one another, and stimulating one another to love and good deeds are three ways we cheer on believers around us."<sup>2</sup> This is what Jacobsen refers to as 'cheerleading'. Encouragement is the kind of expression that helps someone want to be a better Christian, even when life is rough.<sup>3</sup> Just telling another person how much they have touched our lives by something they said or did serves as a powerful encourager.

To encourage is to inspire with courage, spirit, or hope. Every church and home needs a Barnabus who had a reputation as an encourager. In Acts 11:23, he encouraged new converts to continue with the Lord. Are we encouraging our new members? Are we encouraging our long-standing members to remain faithful and not grow weary in well-doing? What about those who work so hard in the church for us, such as our pastor, deacons, deaconesses, trustees, church staff, ministry leaders, and teachers? We need to be cheerleaders in our homes. Our spouses and family members need to be cheered on for their faithfulness and all they contribute to our homes and well-being. Children need encouragement to be successful in school, attend church and Sunday school, develop good character, responsibility, and to live godly lives in a decadent society. Nothing encourages more than the Word of God. It strengthens and reassures. It brings peace, comfort, trust, and hope. Speak the Word. Let us not fall down on building one another up.

*"Encourage one another daily" (Hebrews 3:13)*

Daily encouragement enables us to face any difficulty in life. It is to be regarded as a necessity especially in these very difficult economic and stressful times. People may be hurting more deeply than we know. Our relationship with Christ provides unique resources to overturn despair and spiritually strengthen others. We can comfort one another with prayer, God's Word, our presence, and listening with understanding. While we can cheer people in a variety of ways to include laughter, our testimonies can draw others closer to God. Faithful believers and everyone throughout the world need to hear about the ways God still manifests Himself through people of faith.

The more time we spend with the Lord and in His Word the more equipped we become as cheerleaders for the body of Christ. As a result, we are likely to become more sensitive to the move of God in our lives. When God provides opportunities to bring cheer to others, we need to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to encourage another.

*"Comfort one another." (1 Thessalonians 4:18 NASB)*

*"Therefore we also since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us" ( Hebrews 12:1)*

<sup>1</sup> Jacobsen, W., & Jacobsen, C. Authentic Relationships: Discover the lost art of "one anothering". Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Publishing Group, (2003). Print.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid, 90

<sup>3</sup> Larry Crab and Dan Allender. Encouragement: the Key to Caring. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1984.

Flowers Enhancing the Beauty of the Sanctuary

May 6

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Gabie L. Lockett – Mother*  
*Emma E. Pollard- Sister*  
*Lynn S. Pollard- Niece*  
*Forever in Our Hearts*

Placed there by

*Doris Berry,*  
*Deaconess Yvonne Gillespie,*  
*John Edwards & Family*

May 13

*In Loving Memory of*  
*All Deceased Members of*  
*The Missionary Society*  
*In Honor of*  
*All Missionaries*  
*Thank You for Your*  
*Dedication & Hard Work*  
*Happy Mother's*  
*Day*

Placed there by  
*Meritha A. Johnson,*  
*Missionary President*

May 20

*In Honor of*  
*Annie L. Byrd*  
*Happy Birthday ~ May 27th*

*Celebrating 95 years*

*"The Lord is my Shepherd,*  
*I shall not want" Psalm 23:1*

Placed there by

*Ernestine Peete ~ Sister*  
*and Family*

May 27

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Sister*  
*Lillie M. Elmore*

Placed there by  
*Devoted Husband –*  
*Trustee Robert B. Elmore*  
*Children –*  
*Robert A. Elmore (Patsy),*  
*David N. Elmore (Angela),*  
*Diane R. Jamison (William),*  
*Eric E. Elmore, Beverly J. Shateen*  
*Grandchildren & Great grandchildren*

# Weekly Sunday School Lessons (and Daily Bible Readings)

## HEALING THE BLIND MAN

Lesson 9 April 29

Devotional Reading:	Isaiah 29:17-21
Background Scripture:	John 9
Print Passage:	John 9:1-17
Key Verse:	John 9:16
23 "Hope for the Future"	(Isaiah 29:17-21)
24 "Separating Light from Darkness"	(Genesis 1:14-19)
25 "Light for the Journey"	(Exodus 13:1-22)
26 "The Blind Questioning Blindness"	(John 9:18-23)
27 "Teaching the Un-teachable"	(John 9:24-34)
28 "Seeing, but Not Seeing"	(John 9:35-41)
29 "The Light of the World"	(John 9:1-17)

## THE BREAD OF LIFE

Lesson 10 May 6

Devotional Reading:	Psalms 107:1-9
Background Scripture:	John 6
Print Passage:	John 6:22-35
Key Verse:	John 6:35
30 "Feeding the Hungry"	(John 6:1-15)
1 "Walking on Water"	(John 6:16-21)
2 "Giving Eternal Life"	(John 6:36-40)
3 "Offering Living Bread"	(John 6:41-51)
4 "The Life-giving Spirit"	(John 6:60-65)
5 "To Whom Can We Go?"	(John 6:66-71)
6 "The True Bread of Heaven"	(John 6:22-35)

## THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Lesson 11 May 13

Devotional Reading:	Psalms 28
Background Scripture:	John 10:1-18
Print Passage:	John 10:7-18
Key Verse:	John 10:4
7 "Sheep Without a Shepherd"	(2 Chronicles 18:12-22)
8 "A New Shepherd for Israel"	(Numbers 27:12-20)
9 "The Shepherd David"	(Psalms 78:67-72)
10 "Lord, Be Our Shepherd"	(Psalms 28)
11 "Shepherd of Israel, Restore Us"	(Psalms 80:1-7)
12 "The Sheep Follow"	(John 10:1-6)
13 "I Am the Good Shepherd"	(John 10:7-18)

## THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

Lesson 12 May 20

Devotional Reading:	1 Corinthians 15:50-58
Background Scripture:	John 11:1-27
Print Passage:	John 11:17-27
Key Verse:	John 11:25
14 "The Power of Christ's Resurrection"	(Philippians 3:7-11)
15 "The Son Gives Life"	(John 5:19-24)
16 "Life or Condemnation"	(John 5:25-29)
17 "I Give Eternal Life"	(John 10:22-28)
18 "For God's Glory"	(John 11:1-10)
19 "So That You May Believe"	(John 11:11-16)
20 "The Resurrection and the Life"	(John 11:17-27)

## THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE

Lesson 13 May 27

Devotional Reading:	Matthew 7:13-30
Background Scripture:	John 14:1-14
Print Passage:	John 14:1-14
Key Verse:	John 14:6
21 "Making Known the Way of God"	(Exodus 18:13-23)
22 "Turning Aside from the Way"	(Exodus 32:7-14)
23 "Seeking Truth Within"	(Psalms 51:1-7)
24 "Speaking Truth from the Heart"	(Psalms 15)
25 "Telling the Whole Message"	(Acts 5:17-21)
26 "Choosing the Hard Road"	(Matthew 7:13-20)
27 "How Can We Know the Way?"	(John 14:1-14)

## Reading thru the Bible in a Year

### May

1	1 Kings 1, 2	Luke 22:54-71
2	1 Kings 3, 4, 5	Luke 23:1-26
3	1 Kings 6, 7	Luke 23:27-38
4	1 Kings 8, 9	Luke 23:39-56
5	1 Kings 10, 11	Luke 24:1-35
6	1 Kings 12, 13	Luke 24:36-53
7	1 Kings 14, 15	John 1:1-28
8	1 Kings 16, 17, 18	John 1:29-51
9	1 Kings 19, 20	John 2
10	1 Kings 21, 22	John 3:1-21
11	2 Kings 1, 2, 3	John 3:22-36
12	2 Kings 4, 5	John 4:1-30
13	2 Kings 6, 7, 8	John 4:31-54
14	2 Kings 9, 10, 11	John 5:1-24
15	2 Kings 12, 13, 14	John 5:25-47
16	2 Kings 15, 16, 17	John 6:1-21
17	2 Kings 18, 19	John 6:22-44
18	2 Kings 20, 21, 22	John 6:45-71
19	2 Kings 23, 24, 25	John 7:1-31
20	1 Chronicles 1, 2	John 7:32-53
21	1 Chronicles 3, 4, 5	John 8:1-20
22	1 Chronicles 6, 7	John 8:21-36
23	1 Chronicles 8, 9, 10	John 8:37-59
24	1 Chronicles 11, 12, 13	John 9:1-23
25	1 Chronicles 14, 15, 16	John 9:24-41
26	1 Chronicles 17, 18, 19	John 10:1-21
27	1 Chronicles 20, 21, 22	John 10:22-42
28	1 Chronicles 23, 24, 25	John 11:1-17
29	1 Chronicles 26, 27	John 11:18-46
30	1 Chronicles 28, 29	John 11:47-57
31	2 Chronicles 1, 2, 3	John 12:1-19

### June

1	2 Chronicles 4, 5, 6	John 12:20-50
2	2 Chronicles 7, 8, 9	John 13:1-17
3	2 Chronicles 10, 11, 12	John 13:18-38
4	2 Chronicles 13 - 16	John 14
5	2 Chronicles 17, 18, 19	John 15

# Event Schedule

## May 1 - 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 - (2156-2159)  
"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)

## May 2 - Wednesday

- 12:00 Noon Bible Class
- 6:00 Teachers' Bible Study - Rm 2161
- 7:00 Prayer & Praise

## May 3 - Thursday

- 12:00 Tabernacle Tymers Morris Room
- 5:00 Male Choir Rehearsal
- 5:30 Thursday Night Bible Class-Psalms  
"The Well of Enlightenment"
- 6:30 Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal

## May 4 - Friday

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

## May 5 - Saturday

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

## May 6 - Sunday

- 8:15 Dawn Seekers Class - FH
- 11:00 Morning Worship (Lord's Supper)
- 11:00 Children's Church
- 1:30 Group #7
- 6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) - BC

## May 7 - Monday

- 3:00 HOPE Diabetic Class
- 4:30 Prayer Partners - Quiet Room
- 6:00 Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting - Rm  
2152
- 6:30 Mon. Night Bible Stdy-Romans-2156  
"Temple Maintenance: Developing  
a Whole Temple Through the Study  
of Romans"

## May 8 - 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 - (2156-2159)

- "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)

## May 9 - Wednesday

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

## May 10 - Thursday

- 11:00 PRIVATE EVENT
- 5:00 Male Choir Rehearsal
- 5:30 Thursday Night Bible Class-Psalms  
"The Well of Enlightenment"
- 6:30 Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal

## May 11 - Friday

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

## May 12 - Saturday

- 12:00 Quilting / Knitting Class - Rm 2159
- 12:00 N.A. (Narcotics Anonymous) - BC
- 1:00 Sorosis Guild
- 1:00 Cherub Choir - Small Choir Room
- 2:00 Bus Ministry (2159)
- 2:30 Contemporary Christian Chorale

## May 13 - Sunday

### MOTHER'S DAY

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

## May 14 - Monday

- 10:00 AARP Chapter 4803
- 3:00 HOPE Diabetic Class
- 4:30 Prayer Partners - Quiet Room
- 6:00 Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting - Rm  
2152
- 6:30 Mon. Night Bible Stdy-Romans-2156  
"Temple Maintenance: Developing  
a Whole Temple Through the Study  
of Romans"

## May 15 - 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 - (2156-2159)

- "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)

## May 16 - Wednesday

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

## May 17 - Thursday

- 1:00 Westsiders (Morris Rm)
- 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

## May 18 - Friday

- 4:45 Girl Scouts (Troop #1261)  
G-3
- 6:00 Friday Night Bible Study "Study  
Through 1 Corinthians"
- 6:00 Liturgical Dance Ministry -Sanc.

## May 19 - Saturday

- 8:30 SUPER SATURDAY
- 11:00 HEALTH MINISTRY
- 12:00 N.A. (Narcotics Anonymous) - BC
- 12:00 Knitting / Quilting Class - Rm 2159
- 2:30 Contemporary Christian Chorale
- 3:00 PRIVATE EVENT

## May 20 - Sunday

- 8:15 Dawn Seekers Class - FH
- 9:00 Sunday Church School
- 11:00 Morning Worship (Baby Dedication)
- 11:00 Children's Church
- 1:30 GROUP #1 (Chapel)
- 1:30 GROUP #4
- 1:30 GROUP #10/21
- 1:30 GROUP #12 (Wilcoxson)
- 1:30 GROUP #19
- 1:30 GROUP #25
- 1:30 GROUP #29
- 4:00 CHOCOLATE SUNDAY (Marr-O-Nots)
- 6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) - BC

## May 21 - Monday

- 10:00 MISSIONARY DISTRICT Mtg
- 3:00 HOPE Diabetic Class
- 4:30 Prayer Partners - Quiet Room
- 6:00 Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting - Rm  
2152
- 6:00 Board of Deacons meeting
- 6:30 Mon. Night Bible Stdy-Romans-2156  
"Temple Maintenance: Developing  
a Whole Temple Through the Study  
of Romans"

# Event Schedule

## May 22 - 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 - (2156-2159)  
"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)

## May 23 - Wednesday

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

## May 24 - Thursday

- 3:00 **PRIVATE EVENT**
- 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

## May 25 - Friday

- 4:45 Girl Scouts (Troop #1261)  
G-3
- 6:00 Friday Night Bible Study "Study  
Through 1 Corinthians"

6:00 Liturgical Dance Ministry -Sanc.

## May 26 - Saturday

- 9:00 **CLAIMING OUR JERUSALEM**
- 12:00 N.A. (Narcotics Anonymous) - BC
- 12:00 Knitting / Quilting Class - Rm 2159
- 5:00 **ANNUAL BOWLING EVENT (Grp 25)**

## May 27 - 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 #19 - Wilcoxson
- 1:30 Group #24 - Morris Rm
- 1:30 Group #26/28
- 6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) - BC

## May 28 - Monday

**MEMORIAL DAY**  
Offices Closed

## May 29 - 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 - (2156-2159)  
"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)

## May 30 - Wednesday

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

## May 31 - Thursday

- 8:00 **PRIVATE EVENT**
- 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

FH - Fellowship Hall  
BC - Beechwood Campus



## Prayer & Praise

May 2

Group #1

Deacon Robert Files & Deacon Jerry Moses

May 9

Group #2 & #16

Deacon John Crew, Jr. & Deacon Duval Evans

May 16

Young Adult Ministry

Rev. Manuel Peace

May 23

Group #19

Deacon Rickey Gibson & Deacon James Beasley, Jr.

May 30th

Group #7

Deacon Ulyses Hunter & Deacon Daryl Thomas

## Fellowship Hour

May 13

MOTHER'S DAY

No Fellowship Hour

May 20

No Fellowship Hour

May 27

Group #25 - The Gleaners

Deacon James Martin & Deacon Kenneth Hubbard

June 10

Group #12 - The Peculiar Ones

Deacon Troy Robertson & Deacon James McDonald, III

# What's Happening

**Tab Tymers Senior Adult Ministry**  
Thursday, May 3, 2012 @ 12 noon - 2 pm

.....May **3**

**57th Annual NAACP Dinner**  
Sunday, May 6, 2012 @ 5 pm - Cobo Conference Center - See Trustee Bertha Crossley for tickets

.....May **6**

**TMBC Health Ministry presents...**  
Health Forum with Henry Ford Health System, a Detroit Medical Center dietician, National Kidney Foundation and Gift of Life organization providing information about how to take control of the diseases that impact many people in our community.  
Saturday, May 19, 2012 @ 11 am- 2 pm

.....May **19**

**Chocolate Sunday**  
sponsored by Marr-O-Not Fellowship  
Sunday, May 20, 2012 @ 4:30 pm

.....May **20**

**Claiming Our Jerusalem**  
*"Hope Comes to the Neighborhood"* with Good News & Good Deeds - Neighborhood Outreach  
Saturday, May 26, 2012 @ 9:00 am

.....May **26**

**Bowling Fun Night**  
sponsored by Group #25 (The Gleaners)  
Saturday, May 26, 2012 @ 6:00 pm - More information or tickets are available in the Cloak Room.

.....May **26**

**"A Sermon in Song"**  
Rev. Dr. Frederick G. Sampson, III, Baritone with Special Guests: The Blessed Hearts sponsored by the Tabernacle Scholarship Committee  
Friday, June 1, 2012 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

.....Jun **1**

**Salad Extravaganza**  
sponsored by Group #7 (Up & Doing)  
Saturday, June 9, 2012 @ 12 noon - 3:00 pm

.....Jun **9**

**Graduation Sunday**  
Sunday, June 10, 2012 @ 11:00 am. Wear graduation caps and/or gowns. MUST register 2012 graduates for Special Recognition by Friday, May 26.

.....Jun **10**

**SAVE THE DATE for Girls' Retreat**  
Thursday, June 28, 29, 30, 2012  
*"Our Purpose, Our Joy, Our Hope in Jesus"*  
Registration starts May 20 in the Cloak Room

.....Jun **28**

## 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 Bibly Study  
"Study Through 1 Corinthians"

# Don't Hide It, Use It!

conclusion

*you, so I found a good hiding place and secured your money. Here it is, safe and sound down to the last cent.'<sup>26</sup> "The master was furious. 'That's a terrible way to live! It's criminal to live cautiously like that! If you knew I was after the best, why did you do less than the least? Matthew 25:14-26 (MSG)*

The simple yet profound lesson of this parable is "don't hide it, use it." Use whatever God has given to you for His glory, because He expects it. Don't be like the servant who claimed an unwarranted fear. This servant should have realized that the master knew his ability to handle what He had entrusted to him. The master never would have given His goods to him if He felt he would fail. God

has placed in your hands special abilities. He has given you these abilities because He is wise enough to know you can succeed with what He has given you. Just like the servant in the parable who hid his abilities, you and I have no excuse. God expects us to use what He has given us for the advancement of His kingdom. If you are hiding your abilities, I challenge you to dig them up and put them to use for God. Be assured, God will call each of us into account. We have nothing to fear if we do our best with whatever He has given us. If you want to hear "Good work! You did your job well" then "DON'T HIDE IT, USE IT."

Shalom!

Pastor Nathan Johnson, D.D., Senior Pastor

## You Have An Obligation 12 in 2012 I.P.W.I.

As born again believers, we have an obligation to share our stories. In the month of May, we celebrate Mother's Day. Mother's Day gives us an opportunity to reflect on the sacrifices that were made by those who served as our mothers. When we were infants, their voices comforted us. As toddlers, they were the ones who applauded our first steps. As we continued to grow, they encouraged us to do our best. Mother's Day is a day that we share with our families the love and respect we have for all the things our mothers, or mother substitutes, sacrificed for us.

As Christians, we have an obligation to God to share our story about the love and sacrifices that God has given us through His Son -- our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. A mother's love for her child is unconditional. The love that Jesus gives us is unconditional. A mother will die to protect her child. Jesus died that we might live. A mother will do without so that her child can have the best. Jesus left heaven and all His glory so that we could have eternal life and one day live with Him.

We share with everyone about the love our mothers have given us over the years and we tell others how proud we are of our mothers. Likewise, we have an obligation to share our story about the love of Jesus Christ that will never cease. Our mothers do not live forever and we grieve when death separates us from them. Jesus, however, lives forever and has promised He will never leave us or forsake us. We have an obligation to those who are close to us as well as our acquaintances to let them know how much Jesus loves them and that God has a wonderful plan just for them. *Matthew 28:19-20 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen"*

WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO SHARE OUR STORY!

We encourage you to IDENTIFY, PRAY, WITNESS, & INVITE (IPWI) 12 unsaved persons in 2012 to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Tabernacle Evangelism Ministry

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:sisterj@tmbcdetroit.org) or Dr. Kimberly Elyse at [kelyse@tmbcdetroit.org](mailto: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](http://www.tmbcdetroit.org)

## NEW YORK TRIP Aug 16-21, 2012

sponsored by Marr-O-Not Fellowship for information call Church Office @ 313-898-3325

## BODY & SOUL CHALLENGE

It's time to sign-up for the Body & Soul Blue Challenge Walking Works program sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield Michigan and the American Cancer Society. In 2011 we won \$1,000 in the large church category. Voncile Brown-Miller, Juanita Roye and Mary Ellison will be signing up people in the Chapel after Sunday worship service. Come and join us for another year of walking and having fun while you are doing it!!

## 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](mailto: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. Call Church Office.

### DOOR MONITORS NEEDED

Contact Deacon Theron Harley @ 313-898-3325

### 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

### BUS DRIVERS NEEDED!!!

#### THE REQUIREMENTS:

- \* A serving heart (bringing our seniors to church on Sundays)
- \* Drive (1) Sunday a month
- \*\* GOOD DRIVING RECORD (verified with state)

#### The contacts:

Dea. U. Hunter or Sis. Marguerite Winn  
Call 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  
BROOKS, Sis. Dorothy  
BRUNSON, Bro. Todd  
BURKE, Bro. Louis & Sis. Verna  
BUSCH, Bro. Leon  
BYAS, Sis. Flora  
COLLINS, Sis. Janie  
DONALDSON, Sis. Willie B.  
GALE, Jr., Bro. Sheady  
GALTNEY, Sis. Maxine  
GEORGE, Deacon John  
GILCHRIST, Sis. Doris  
GORDON, Bro. Walker  
GRAY, Bro. James  
GREEN, Sis. Pamela  
HAGUE, Sis. Bertha  
HAMLIN, Sis. Eugenia  
HARRIS, Bro. Charlie  
HICKS, Rev. Dr. Gwendolyn  
HICKS, Sis. Mary  
HINES, Sis. Bernadine  
HOWARD, Sis. Mary  
HUNTER, Sis. Mary  
JOHNSON, Sis. Ruby  
JONES, Sis. Bernice  
JONES, Sis. Helen  
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, Bro. James  
NEAL, Sis. Lois  
NORRIS, Sis. Leola  
PATTERSON, Sis. Mamie  
PITTMAN, Sis. Juanita  
PRUITT, Sis. Bessie  
RANDALL, Sis. Jessie  
ROBERTS, Sis. Mildred  
SMITH, Sis. Georgia  
STRINGER, Sis. Patricia  
TERRY, Sister Elve  
THOMAS, Sis. Margaret  
WARREN, Bro. Bruce  
WARREN, Sis. Thelma  
WASHINGTON, Rev. Mary  
WOODS, Sis. Naomi  
WOODSON, Sis. Mattie  
WOOTEN, Bro. Levi

## Our Deepest Condolences for the month of April are extended to...

Deacon Troy & Deaconess Odessa  
Robertson & family for the loss of  
their cousin, Sister Dorothea Jackson in  
Columbus, OH

Sister Veronica Bryant & family for the  
loss of her cousin, Sister Rosa Seatts

Rev. Terry & Sister Janice Robinson &  
family for the loss of his brother,  
Brother Lester Robinson in Shreveport, LA

Sister Sharyn Greene & family  
for the loss of her brother,  
Brother Robert Walker, Jr.

Sister Jerlin Portis & family for the loss  
of her godmother,  
Sister Iberia Gordon

Brother Ulysses & Sister Sharon Austin  
& family for the loss of his nephew,  
who was also her son-in-law,  
Brother John Austin, Sr.

Sister Marion Grady & family for the  
loss of her brother, Brother John Bailey

Rev. Dr. Joy Davis & family for the  
loss of her aunt, Sister Alberta Scales in  
Akron, OH

Brother Patrick & Sister Danyell Green  
& family for the loss of her grandfather,  
Brother William Cheeks

Brother Albert Washington & family  
for the loss of his cousin,  
Brother Breion Jernigan

Sister Rosa Brown & family for the loss  
of her sister, Sister Odessa Marshall

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Every Sunday

Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Church School ..... 9:30 a.m.

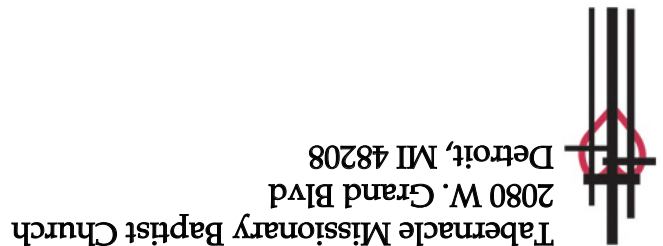
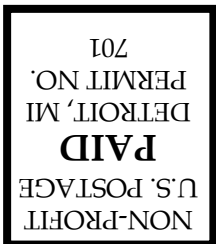
Big Sisters - children 2-1/2 - 5 yrs - C.D.C ..... 11:00 a.m.

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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday (11:00 a.m.)

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



# Ministry Outreach

## Dive in, Tab: It's Time Again to 'Claim Our Jerusalem' Church Vows to Bring 'Good News' and 'Good Deeds' to Neighborhood

Some say on a clear day – if you try hard enough – you can see “Jerusalem” from Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church.

Of course, you can see it on not-so-clear days as well. That's because in the words and analysis of Tabernacle's Pastor Nathan Johnson, Tab's “Jerusalem” is the west-side Detroit community surrounding the church.

Pastor Johnson says biblical underpinnings of the church's mandate to go into its “Jerusalem” can be found in several passages, including Acts 1:8, which urges Christians to *“be witnesses for me in Jerusalem, in Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.”*

For the past five years, Tabernacle members have fanned out into the community to witness, pray, and generally work to ensure the church is a good, Christian neighbor in that slice of Detroit that encompasses the 91-year-old church. Church leaders say that while Tabernacle's brick-stone-and-glass building at the corner of Grand Blvd. and Grand River shall not be moved, the congregation is again limbered up, prayed up, and ready to carry the spirit of the church into its west-

side “Jerusalem.”

The annual community-embracing campaign, set for Saturday, May 26, is called **“Claiming Our Jerusalem.”** It is both an event and ongoing relationship which Tab members “really shouldn't miss out on,” according to the team of Tabernacle associate ministers who have joined Pastor Johnson to help lead the initiative.

### **Blessings That Flow Both Ways**

“Each year, we Tab members find ourselves blessed as we go out into the community to bless others,” said Rev. Dr. Joy Davis, who annually leads one of several teams that go door-to-door and block-by-block to meet with and pray with Tab's west-side neighbors. “As we seek to minister to them, we wind up being blessed and ministered to by the way people in the neighborhood accept us.”

This year's version of **“Claiming Our Jerusalem”** is themed **“Hope Comes to the Neighborhood.”** Tab ministers say hope will again arrive on the shoulders of both “Good News” and “Good Deeds.”

Pastor Johnson explains: “God has given us our Jerusalem, and





our Jerusalem is the community of neighborhoods that surround us. It is important that we minister to the people around us by sharing Good News and Good Deeds.”

The two-pronged “Good News and Good Deeds” approach features some Tab members praying and sharing the gospel with residents (“Good News”) while other Tab members link up with west-side neighbors and tackle clean-up, spruce-up and fix-up projects (“Good Deeds”). For the last few years, Rev. Johnnie Harrison has led teams of Tabernacle members and local residents armed with shovels, gloves, and wheelbarrows to clean up lots and provide clean, re-invigorated play spaces for children or simply remove eyesores. **Claiming Our Jerusalem** organizers such as Rev. Samuel Spruill, Executive Director of Helping Operations for People Empowerment (H.O.P.E.), say the church now is poised to add painting, light carpentry, and other home fix-up tasks to the “Good Deeds” agenda.

Meanwhile, an overarching spirit of fellowship flows from the **Claiming Our Jerusalem** headquarters site, where Tab members fellowship with each other and local residents. In recent years, the base for **Claiming Our Jerusalem** has been a well-kept lot on Wildemere. The lot sits across from the barbershop of community leader and businessman Vonzie Whitlow, who led a team of neighborhood residents to trans-

form the lot into a sterling example of community cooperation. In past **Claiming Our Jerusalem** initiatives, Tabernacle has utilized the site to serve free food plus host guest speakers and live music performers ranging from traditional gospel singers to hip-hop gospel artists.

## **Good News Delivered in a Good Way**

Rev. Miller Adams, Minister of Evangelism for Tabernacle, said it’s important for the “Good News” portion of Tab’s outreach to be highly organized and respectful. For example, teams of at least three to five go door-to-door, but only two actually go up to a resident’s door, with the rest remaining on the sidewalk.

“We don’t want people intimidated by a whole lot of people going to the door,” Rev. Adams explained.

Tone and approach are also critical, the minister added. Tab needs to avoid presenting itself as a church simply mining the community for new church members, he said.

“We wouldn’t want to come across in a way that causes them to say, ‘Here’s Tabernacle...they are trying to get me to join their church.’ The thrust instead is that we are there to be an asset to the community without having an ulterior motive. Being a help to the community involves the community understanding who God is.”

Rev. Adams said Tab members interested in sharing “Good News” with others can prepare by making

sure they are “prayed up” for the canvassing initiative and perhaps by rehearsing what they will say concerning oft-discussed issues such as forgiveness and salvation. Also, teams included in door-to-door witnessing will be equipped with special booklets or materials explaining important concepts. Some pamphlets are specially designed for children.

Tab member and church secretary Beatrice Wright, a veteran of **Claiming Our Jerusalem** initiatives, recalls being inspired by one senior citizen who was excited to hear that since she has accepted Christ as her Saviour, she can be confident about where she will go after this life is over.

“She was a member of a west-side church, but it had been her belief that no one really knows for sure if they will go to heaven until after they die,” said Sis. Wright. “She had been sick, and her sister who lived next door had also been sick. She was so excited to learn that she can be sure of where she’ll go when she passes that she wanted us to share that news with her sister as well.”

While sharing the gospel with others is primary, it’s also very important to tune into various needs people may have, according to Rev. Davis.

“Sometimes, it’s not only about opening up a Bible and preaching,” said Rev. Davis. “It’s also about showing the love of Jesus by meeting a felt need in prayer. That’s why this whole effort is based on relationship-

building. We can consider Jesus’ examples, whether it was with the woman at the well or other settings. He was often saying, in essence, ‘Let’s build a relationship first.’ When we go out, we have to really listen and meet people where they are spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, and psychologically.”

### **Relationship-Building Through ‘Good Deeds’**

Attempts to do “Good Deeds” are not necessarily helpful, Tab ministers say, if those performing the deeds in the community don’t first engage in dialogue to find out what the community wants or needs.

Rev. Spruill adds that Tab’s relationship is made authentic rather than condescending when church members respect the equal value neighborhood residents bring to the relationship.

“The ground is level at the cross,” Rev. Spruill reminds. “The community, as well as the church, brings value to what we’re trying to do in our community. In the planning stage, we have a two-way conversation about what projects to tackle and how we’re going to tackle them. You’ve got to have that to have a partnership. Without that, you don’t have a partnership...you have a dictatorship.”

For the last few years, the collaborative effort has identified debris-filled lots and helped clear them out. Rev. Harrison said that in the inaugural “Good Deeds” effort, some 30-



40 Tab members participated in clean-up activities. The numbers dropped off in successive years, and he's urging Tab to step up in a bigger way in 2012. He and Rev. Spruill said they are particularly calling on those with special skills such as carpentry and plumbing to participate.

"We want to start with a house or houses on a particular block and perhaps eventually be able to help fix up an entire block," said Rev. Spruill. "Also, this can be a learning experience for youths in the church and the wider community. We can give them exposure to a trade or trades."

### **More than a barber: Thank God for Bro. Whitlow**

Tab's relationship with Bro. Whitlow, the barber/businessman, epitomizes the benefits of relationship-building in the community. Bro. Whitlow and some of his as-

sociates in the neighborhood have not only been extremely helpful in **Claiming Our Jerusalem** efforts but they have become a collective fixture at Tab functions, helping out with other events such as Tabernacle's annual Back-to-School rally and its fireworks fellowship in June.

"Mr. Whitlow is a gem and the gatekeeper for the community," said Rev. Terry Robinson, Tab's Minister of Discipleship and Kingdom Expansion.

Rev. Robinson said no Tab members should consider they have little or nothing to offer the **Claiming Our Jerusalem** campaign. Members who are unsure of what they can do to help can only discover their gifts or talents by diving in, he said.

"If you only sit in the pews, you'll never discover what your talents or gifts are," said Rev. Robinson. "If you try canvassing,

you may find you're more suited for doing clean-up or fix-up work. Still, everybody at Tab, if you're a Christian, is called to witness for Christ. Many people who are just getting started will eventually say, 'Man...I really like this.'"

Tabernacle's marching orders are contained in its very name, Pastor Johnson added.

"We are missionary Baptists, so our name is Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church," said Pastor Johnson. "But even if we were not missionary Baptists, we have a missionary mandate that all Christians must take seriously."

*For more information on how to volunteer for the 2012 'Claiming Our Jerusalem' program, call the church at 313-898-3325. written*

*by Deacon Danton Wilson*

*2012 Claiming Our Jerusalem - Tabernacle will host "Reclaiming the Talent" - a Christian Talent Show for Neighborhood Children 8 to 14 years of age. Call the Church Office for more information.*

