

COME HOME TO FAMILY

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Real Worship Has No Options!

“But an hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth. Yes, the Father wants such people to worship Him. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”
(John 4:23-24, HCSB)

It has been said that man is born with an innate propensity to worship. We all worship something or someone. We have come to a point even in the church where our personal views and preferences concerning worship have trumped the true essence of worship. We tenaciously claim that our way is the right way. This is often predicated on what we saw practiced before us when we were children. This often leads to an elusive search for the sentiment of yesterday. We reach back to brittle memories of past traditions, even though we have long forgotten the timeless

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The Prodigal Son

The Parable of “The Prodigal Son” is reflective of a life without Christ. This son learned the hard way that covetousness leads to a life of dissatisfaction and disappointment. Before we came to ourselves, we too were “The Prodigal Son/Daughter.” We were lost, living in darkness, and desiring those things to fulfil the lust of the flesh, lust of the eye, and the pride of life.

Once we accepted Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, His desire became our desire. We no longer wanted to do the things that were displeasing to Him. We began to follow the moving of the Holy Spirit in us. We prayed for His will to be done in our lives.

We all have a relative or a friend that has not accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. We must continue to pray that their soul might be saved. *“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”* (Romans 3:23). It is only by God’s grace that we are saved, through faith in Jesus Christ, and not of ourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works that we may boast. (Ephesians 2:8,9). That is the core message of the Parable of ‘The Prodigal Son.’ This parable is filled with hope, mercy, joy, and forgiveness. We serve a loving and forgiving God, who stands at the door

knocking for someone to open the door of their heart and let Him in.

You may be a parent who is praying, pleading, and begging for God’s infinite mercy to fall on your child at this very moment. A child who is using drugs or suffering from alcoholism. A child who is in prison or juvenile detention. A child who is consistently making wrong choices. Whatever the need, take heart that your Lord and Savior already knows all about it. He hears your heartfelt cry to Him.

Lamentations 2:19 says, *“Arise, cry out in the night, as the watches of the night begin; pour out your heart like water in the presence of the Lord. Lift up your hands to him for the lives of your children. . .”*

Let us pray for the children: (insert the person name)

Gracious God I come to you in the name of Jesus. I am standing in the gap for _____. Lord, I ask that the Word of God will prick his/her heart and that you draw him/her unto you. Please Father deliver him/her out of the hands of the evil one. I pray that _____ will repent of his/her sins and accept Jesus Christ as his/her Savior. I pray that Jesus will be Lord over his/

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Pastor’s Schedule

August 7, 2014

7:00 pm

Lilly Missionary
Baptist Church
1117 Wade Street
Jackson, MI

August 17, 2014

10:30 am

First Trinity Missionary
Baptist Church
Flint, MI
Rev. Ezra L. Tillman, Jr.

August 25-27, 2014

Moses Baptist Church
Augusta, GA 30901
Rev. C.D. Brown,
Pastor
“Watch God Work”

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truths they were built on. Sometimes we wear these as badges of pride that separate us from those we have arrogantly identified as worshiping wrong because they don't do what has always been our way. This is traditionalism at its worst. Now I must say that the problem is not necessarily the tradition or traditions. The problem is our idolatrous attachment to them, thinking that in them rest true spirituality. This has caused worship in many instances to be nothing more than a sentimental journey for resuscitating memories of yesterday.

Many Christians have found themselves engaged in unholy wars concerning worship. Again, this is often based on our personal preferences. We have drawn lines in the sand of our subjective views concerning whether we should use hymns or praise songs. We still argue in some places as to the proper instrumentation for worship. It is still a point of contention with some of us as whether we should have liturgical dance during worship. We have taken sides like the Hatfield's and McCoy's of the church intending to rid the church of such distasteful practices. This leads to disputations and murmurings that create a dissonance unworthy of worship. This cacophony of ideas concerning worship fulfills the wishes of Lucifer, it distracts us from the real worship.

This is exactly the challenge Jesus confronts the Samaritan woman with. She thought she knew what worship was all about. She had sealed in her mind a concept of worship based on place and racial pride. This woman felt that worship had a physical address and the address she used was the correct one. She certified this fallacious concept by the historical practice of her people. Her pride in the practice of her fathers would not let her consider anything else. This is the way we have always done it and that is enough to make it right, she declared. It seems that this woman's stance on worship was more about

honoring her heritage than honoring the Holy One.

Is it possible that we have acquired our PhD in worship from the same school of errors as this woman? Is possible that we too have made worship more about the place of worship than the Person of worship? Have we pridefully claimed the place where we worship as "Holy Ghost Headquarters," while speaking of other places of worship with disdain? Have we so lifted the cultural flavoring of our people as the litmus test for real worship at the expense of dismissing the Christ whom we should worship? Have we chosen an Afro-centric approach over a Theo-centric approach? Are we as much in the dark concerning worship as this Samaritan woman?

Only Jesus can turn the light on and dispel our darkness. Jesus speaks with divine bluntness. He pulls no punches concerning the woman's spurious position. As he speaks to her, he speaks to us. Jesus gives an accurate diagnosis of the woman's problem. The problem according to Jesus is matter of ignorance. She knew about the place of worship but had no real understanding of what worship was all about. We too suffer from an ignorance, we are familiar with the external trappings of worship but we often do not have a clue as to what worship is really about. It is not until we humbly admit that we don't know what we should know when it comes to worship that we can be taught what it means to worship.

The first lesson we must learn is that worship is not about a place; worship is about the Person of God. Worship takes place wherever we recognize the Person of God. It may be in a cathedral with vaulted ceilings or it may be in a storefront with unpainted concrete floors. Worship may take place when you all alone and you find yourself enraptured by the prayerful refection of the greatest of God.

The second lesson we must learn is that

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there are fake worshipers and real worshipers. We must know that great animation in worship is not necessarily a sign of Godly anointing. Far too often our worship today has devolved into a primate-like mimicking of what we have seen at “Christian” concerts. We have used shows like “Sunday’s Best” and the “Stellar Awards” as unworthy paradigms for worship. Worship that is real is not based on the superficial display of sensationalism. Neither is real worship found in some sanctimonious stoic approach where we strive to mummify our emotions, believing that this makes us appear acutely pious. This deceptive worship is many times produced by an internal disconnect while working hard to present a polished intellectual presentation. Jesus says emphatically that true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth. The word true can be translated as genuine. These worshipers are genuine because their worship has the right object and comes from the right source. Jesus does not confuse us concerning the object of true worship. The father, God himself is our object of worship. Not the preacher, not the choir, not orders of service, nobody but God is the object of true worship.

To identify the right source, Jesus uses the preposition “in” which is a translation of the Greek word “*en*.” This preposition is a preposition of rest; it refers to a fixed permanent location. There is no other source of true, genuine, authentic worship than “in spirit and truth.” Worship that does not come from the spirit, the heart is not from the right place. The obscurity, the absence of the heart can not be substituted by external superficiality. Lifted hands with a lethargic heart won’t cut it. The heart, which is the spirit must be fully engaged for worship to be real. Genuine worship of the Father not only finds its source in the heart, but also in truth. The Greek word translated “truth” is *aletheia* which means truth, reality; the unveiled

reality lying at the basis of and agreeing with an appearance. True worship comes from the reality of manifested truth. Jesus the God manifested. Jesus is the reality that serves as the source of authentic worship. True worship is fixed in the truth of God’s revelation of Himself in Christ for the purpose of reconciling the world unto Himself. Jesus is not presenting to us an either or situation. He use the conjunction “and” which connects spirit and truth together. What God has joined together let no man put asunder! We must pay special attention to this, because this is what God wants, what he seeks.

The third lesson we learn is that God is spirit. The Greek text does not say that “God is a spirit”, it says “God is spirit”. If the text used the indefinite article “a” before spirit it would suggest that God is one among many, feeding into the foolishness of today’s pluralistic mindset. God is God and God all by Himself. He shares the stage with no one. There is but one true and living God. The text declares that God is spirit. This means that you cannot enshrine him in a building. He cannot be captured in some vessel or some trinket that we wear. God is not material matter, even though He is the creator of all matter. We must never be guilty of the diminishing God to something that we can carry and manipulate for our selfish purposes. Any god that you can manipulate or manage is incapable of managing your unmanageable situations. Any god that you can confine to a geographical location is the god who can’t be present everywhere. God is greater than the walls of our sanctuaries, he is greater than the fine symbolic jewelry we wear, God is spirit and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth. Real worship, is worship without options!

Shalom

Pastor Johnson

Important Announcements

Precious Memories Service DVDs are Available

The Comfort and Care Ministry would like to announce that DVD's are available in the tape room (near the bookstore) for the families who attended the Precious Memories Service in December, 2013. They can be purchased for \$10.00 from Sis. Gwen Scott.

SAVE THE DATE ***

Women's Fall Retreat 2014

October 24-26, 2014

Save the date! For all women of Tab and sisters in Christ of other churches and guests. Our fall retreat will be held on October 24-26, 2014 at the beautiful Double Tree by Hilton in Port Huron, MI. Registration will be each Sunday in August and September, through September 28th. Hotel reservations are available with special rates for the Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church Retreat through September 24th. Additional information and registration details will be provided at the cloak room beginning August 3rd. No on-

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her life. Lord please take the blinders off his/her eyes that he/she might see and perceive what thus says the Lord, take the dullness out of his/her ears, that he/she might hear and understand with his/her heart; what thus says the Lord. That they will no longer live in darkness but will come into the marvellous light of Jesus Christ. Lord, please have mercy on _____. I ask these prayers in Jesus name and for his sake.

Scripture: 2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Monthly Activities

Sunday – August 3	
8:15	Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson)
9:30	Sunday Church School
11:00	Morning Worship (Lord's Supper)
6:00	Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)
Monday – August 4	
4:30	Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room)
6:00	Hospitality (Monday after first Sunday, Wilcoxson Room)
6:00	Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting (Mondays, Room 2152)
6:00	Super Saturday Women & Girls' Committee Meeting (Monday after 1st & 3rd Sundays, Room 2157)
Tuesday – August 5	
9:15	Staff Meeting
10:00	AARP Chapter 4803 (2nd Monday/1st Tuesday, Morris)
6:00	Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)
Wednesday – August 6	
6:00	Teacher's Bible Study (Wednesdays, Room 2156)
7:00	Prayer & Praise Service (Wednesdays, Chapel)
Thursday – August 7	
5:00	Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)
6:00	Silent Ministry (Thursdays, Room 2164)
6:30	Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)
Friday – August 8	
6:00	Liturgical Dance Ministry (Sanctuary)
Saturday – August 9	
1:00	Sorosis Guild (Saturday after 1st Sunday, Room 2156)
12:00	Quilting, Crocheting, and Knitting Class (Saturdays, Room 2159)
12:00	Narcotics Anonymous (NA, Beechwood Campus)
1:00	Contemporary Christian Chorale Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room)
2:00	Blessed Hearts Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room)
2:30	Women & Girls' Choir Rehearsal (Saturdays, Chapel)
3:00	Genesis Youth Usher Practice (Saturday before 2nd Sunday, Usher Room)

TMBC Monthly Meetings

<p>Sunday – August 10</p> <p>8:15 Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson) 9:30 Sunday Church School 11:00 Morning Worship (Baptism) 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)</p>	<p>Sunday – August 17</p> <p>8:15 Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson) 9:30 Sunday Church School 11:00 Morning Worship (Baby Dedication) 1:30 Teen Council Meeting (3rd Sunday, Room 2159) 1:30 Marr-O-Nots Fellowship (3rd Sunday, Room 2156) 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)</p>
<p>Monday – August 11</p> <p>10:00 AARP Chapter 4803 (2nd Monday/1st Tuesday, Morris) 4:30 Prayer Partners (Quiet Room) 6:00 Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting (Room 2152)</p>	<p>Monday – August 18</p> <p>4:30 Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room) 6:00 Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting (Mondays, Room 2152) 6:00 Super Saturday Women & Girls' Committee Meeting (Monday after 1st & 3rd Sundays, Room 2157) 6:00 Deacon's Ministry (Monday after 3rd Sunday, Board Room) 6:30 Sunday School Worker's Conference (Monday after 3rd Sunday, Wilcoxson/Story Room)</p>
<p>Tuesday – August 12</p> <p>9:15 Staff Meeting 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)</p>	<p>Tuesday – August 19</p> <p>9:15 Staff Meeting 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)</p>
<p>Wednesday – August 13</p> <p>6:00 Teacher's Bible Study (Wednesdays, Room 2156) 7:00 Prayer & Praise Service (Wednesdays, Chapel)</p>	<p>Wednesday – August 20</p> <p>6:00 Teacher's Bible Study (Wednesdays, Room 2156) 7:00 Prayer & Praise Service (Wednesdays, Chapel)</p>
<p>Thursday – August 14</p> <p>5:00 Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room) 6:00 Northwestern Alumni Association (Thursday after 2nd Sunday, Wilcoxson Room) 6:00 Silent Ministry (Thursdays, Room 2164) 6:30 Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)</p>	<p>Thursday – August 21</p> <p>5:00 Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room) 6:00 Silent Ministry (Thursdays, Room 2164) 6:30 Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)</p>
<p>Friday – August 15</p> <p>6:00 Liturgical Dance Ministry (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>Friday – August 22</p> <p>6:00 Liturgical Dance Ministry (Sanctuary)</p>
<p>Saturday – August 16</p> <p>11:00 Evangelism Meeting (Saturday before 3rd Sunday, Room 2156) 12:00 Quilting, Crocheting, and Knitting Class (Saturdays, Room 2159) 12:00 Narcotics Anonymous (NA, Beechwood Campus) 1:00 Contemporary Christian Chorale Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room) 2:30 Women & Girls' Choir Rehearsal (Saturdays, Chapel)</p>	<p>Saturday – August 23</p> <p>12:00 Quilting, Crocheting, and Knitting Class (Saturdays, Room 2159) 12:00 Narcotics Anonymous (NA, Beechwood Campus) 1:00 Contemporary Christian Chorale Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room) 2:00 Blessed Hearts Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room) 2:30 Women & Girls' Choir Rehearsal (Saturdays, Chapel)</p>

Sunday – August 24	Sunday – August 31
8:15 Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson) 9:00 Sunday Church School 11:00 Morning Worship 1:30 Health Ministry (4th Sunday, Usher Board Room) 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus))	8:15 Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson) 9:00 Sunday Church School 11:00 Morning Worship 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus))
Monday – August 25	Monday – September 1
4:30 Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room) 6:00 Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting (Mondays, Room 2152)	4:30 Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room) 6:00 Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting (Mondays, Room 2152)
Tuesday – August 26	Tuesday – September 2
9:15 Staff Meeting 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)	9:15 Staff Meeting 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)
Wednesday – August 27	Wednesday – September 3
6:00 Teacher's Bible Study (Wednesdays, Room 2156) 7:00 Prayer & Praise Service (Wednesdays, Chapel)	6:00 Teacher's Bible Study (Wednesdays, Room 2156) 7:00 Prayer & Praise Service (Wednesdays, Chapel)
Thursday – August 28	Thursday – September 4
5:00 Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room) 6:00 Silent Ministry (Thursdays, Room 2164) 6:30 Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)	5:00 Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room) 6:00 Silent Ministry (Thursdays, Room 2164) 6:30 Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)
Friday – August 29	Friday – September 5
6:00 Liturgical Dance Ministry (Sanctuary)	6:00 Liturgical Dance Ministry (Sanctuary)
Saturday – August 30	Saturday – September 6
12:00 Quilting, Crocheting, and Knitting Class (Saturdays, Room 2159) 12:00 Narcotics Anonymous (NA, Beechwood Campus) 1:00 Contemporary Christian Chorale Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room) 2:00 Blessed Hearts Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room) 2:30 Women & Girls' Choir Rehearsal (Saturdays, Chapel)	12:00 Quilting, Crocheting, and Knitting Class (Saturdays, Room 2159) 12:00 Narcotics Anonymous (NA, Beechwood Campus) 1:00 Contemporary Christian Chorale Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room) 2:00 Blessed Hearts Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room) 2:30 Women & Girls' Choir Rehearsal (Saturdays, Chapel)

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

August 23, 2014 ~ Claiming Our Jerusalem: Back to School Rally

September 22-26, 2014 ~ Christian Education Week

Get Connected

Fellowship Opportunities

BBQ Fellowship (Youth Ministry)
August 1, 2014, 6:00 pm

Ice Cream Sundae (Group #1)
August 3, 2014, 1:00 pm

Election Day
August 5, 2014

Sunday Church School Retreat
August 16, 2014, 9:00 am

Carver Camp Rally
August 16, 2014, 11:00 am

Claiming Our Jerusalem
Back to School Rally
August 23, 2014, 10:00 am

Sunday Church School
Promotion Sunday
August 24, 2014, 9:00 am

Love & Respect Couple's Fellowship
August 30, 2014, 10:30 am

Important Announcements

site registrations will be available. Deaconess Deborah Harley and Sis. Pamela Callaway are Co-Chairs of the Retreat Committee.

Claiming Our Jerusalem: Back to School Rally August 23, 2014

Backpack and school supply donations will be accepted throughout the month. Drop off donations in the Cloak room on Sundays or with the Door Monitors through the week at the main campus. See Sis. Veronica Jenkins of the Women & Girls' Ministry for more information.

School uniforms for students of all ages are needed. Gently used, clean uniforms will be received at the Beechwood Campus in the Autumn fellowship throughout the month. New uniforms for boys and girls should target the basic navy or khaki bottom and white top. See Sis. Gloria Whittington of Autumn Fellowship for more information.

For additional information about the Back to School Rally, specifically how you can volunteer and support, see Rev. Terry Robinson and/or Rev. Will Hawk, 2014 COJ: Back to School Rally Co-Chairs.

Recess for the Summer

Group meetings, Weekly study classes, and Children's Ministry sessions are on recess for the Summer. Be sure to look out for opportunities to fellowship and study in Christian Education Week, and more!

Weekly Bible Studies

- Sunday, 8:15 am Sunday Morning Dawnseeker's Class (Wilcoxson)
- Sunday, 9:30 am Sunday Church School (All Ages)
- Sunday, 9:30 am Sunday New Member's Class (Room 2153)
- Monday, 6:00 pm Monday Night Bible Class (Room 2156)
- Tuesday, 6:30 pm Family Bible Study, Adults (Morris Room);
Youth (Room 2176); Children (Room 2156)
- Wednesday, 12:00 noon Noon Bible Class (Morris Room)
- Thursday, 5:30 pm Thursday Night Bible Class (Room 2156)
- Friday, 6:00 pm Friday Night Bible Class (Room 2156)

Church Office: 313-898-3325 | Prayer Requests - prayer@tmbcdetroit.org

Weekly Sunday School Lessons

COMFORT IN TIMES OF TROUBLE

Lesson 10

August 3

Devotional Reading:	Psalm 46
Background Scripture:	2 Corinthians 1:3-11
Print Passage:	2 Corinthians 1:3-11
Key Verse:	2 Corinthians 1:7
28 "Our Refuge and Strength"	(Psalm 46)
29 "The Shield of Your Help"	(Deuteronomy 33:24-29)
30 "O Lord, We Rely on You"	(2 Chronicles 14:1-12)
31 "Support the Weak"	(Acts 20:28-35)
1 "Admonish, Encourage, Help, and Do Good"	(1 Thessalonians 5:12-22)
2 "A Cause for Giving Thanks"	(Philemon 3-7)
3 "The God Who Consoles Us"	(2 Corinthians 1:3-11)

FORGIVENESS AND RESTORATION

Lesson 11

August 10

Devotional Reading:	Luke 17:1-6
Background Scripture:	2 Corinthians 1:23-2:17
Print Passage:	2 Corinthians 1:23,24; 2:1-11
Key Verse:	2 Corinthians 2:10
4 "Sin and Forgiveness"	(Acts 13:36-41)
5 "Confession and Forgiveness"	(1 John 1:5-10)
6 "Repentance and Forgiveness"	(Luke 17:1-6)
7 "Redemption and Forgiveness"	(Ephesians 1:3-10)
8 "Grace and Justification"	(Romans 5:15-21)
9 "Speaking as Persons of Sincerity"	(2 Corinthians 2:12-17)
10 "Forgiving and Consoling"	(2 Corinthians 1:23-2:11)

TREASURE IN EARTHEN VESSELS

Lesson 12

August 17

Devotional Reading:	Jude 17-25
Background Scripture:	2 Corinthians 4:1-15
Print Passage:	2 Corinthians 4:1-15
Key Verse:	2 Corinthians 4:8,9
11 "Enduring Troubles and Calamities"	(Psalm 71:17-24)
12 "Finding Grace in the Wilderness"	(Jeremiah 31:1-6)
13 "Sharing Christ's Sufferings and Glory"	(1 Peter 4:12-19)
14 "Standing Fast in God's True Grace"	(1 Peter 5:8-14)
15 "Walking in Truth and Love"	(2 John 1-9)
16 "Waiting for the Lord's Mercy"	(Jude 17-25)
17 "Proclaiming Jesus Christ as Lord"	(2 Corinthians 4:1-15)

AN APPEAL FOR RECONCILIATION

Lesson 13

August 24

Devotional Reading:	2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Background Scripture:	2 Corinthians 6:1-7:4
Print Passage:	2 Corinthians 6:1-3; 7:1-4
Key Verse:	2 Corinthians 7:2
18 "A Failed Attempt at Reconciliation"	(Acts 7:23-28)
19 "Reconciled to God Through Christ"	(Romans 5:6-11)
20 "Making Peace Through Christ"	(Colossians 1:15-23)
21 "The Ministry and Message of Reconciliation"	(2 Corinthians 5:16-21)
22 "A Harvest of Righteousness"	(James 3:13-18)
23 "First Be Reconciled"	(Matthew 5:21-26)
24 "Open Wide Your Hearts"	(2 Corinthians 6:1-13; 7:1-4)

GENEROSITY IN THE MIDST OF POVERTY

Lesson 14

August 31

Devotional Reading:	1 Corinthians 13:1-7
Background Scripture:	2 Corinthians 8,9
Print Passage:	2 Corinthians 8:1-14
Key Verse:	2 Corinthians 8:7
25 "Treasure in Heaven"	(Mark 10:17-27)
26 "The Measure of Your Gift"	(Luke 6:34-38)
27 "Giving in Love"	(1 Corinthians 13:1-7)
28 "Show Proof of Your Love"	(2 Corinthians 8:16-24)
29 "Sowing and Reaping Bountifully"	(2 Corinthians 9:1-6)
30 "God Loves a Cheerful Giver"	(2 Corinthians 9:7-15)
31 "A Wealth of Generosity"	(2 Corinthians 8:1-14)

Reading Through the Bible in a Year

August

3	Psalms 70,71,72	Romans 4
4	Psalms 73,74	Romans 5
5	Psalms 75,76,77	Romans 6
6	Psalm 78	Romans 7
7	Psalms 79,80,81	Romans 8:1-18
8	Psalms 82,83,84	Romans 8:19-39
9	Psalms 85,86,87	Romans 9
10	Psalms 88,89	Romans 10
11	Psalms 90,91,92	Romans 11:1-21
12	Psalms 93,94,95	Romans 11:22-36
13	Psalms 96,97,98	Romans 12
14	Psalms 99,100,101,102	Romans 13
15	Psalms 103,104	Romans 14
16	Psalms 105,106	Romans 15:1-20
17	Psalms 107,108	Romans 15:21-33
18	Psalms 109,110,111	Romans 16
19	Psalms 112,113,114,115	1 Corinthians 1
20	Psalms 116,117,118	1 Corinthians 2
21	Psalm 119:1-48	1 Corinthians 3
22	Psalms 119:49-104	1 Corinthians 4
23	Psalm 119:105-176	1 Corinthians 5
24	Psalms 120,121,122,123	1 Corinthians 6
25	Psalms 124,125,126,127	1 Corinthians 7:1-24
26	Psalms 128,129,130,131	1 Corinthians 7:25-40
27	Psalms 132,133,134,135	1 Corinthians 8
28	Psalms 136,137,138	1 Corinthians 9
29	Psalms 139,140,141	1 Corinthians 10:1-13
30	Psalms 142,143,144	1 Corinthians 10:14-33
31	Psalms 145,146,147	1 Corinthians 11:1-15

September

1	Psalms 148,149,150	1 Corinthians 11:16-34
2	Proverbs 1,2	1 Corinthians 12
3	Proverbs 3,4	1 Corinthians 13
4	Proverbs 5,6	1 Corinthians 14:1-20
5	Proverbs 7,8	1 Corinthians 14:21-40
6	Proverbs 9,10	1 Corinthians 15:1-32

Flowers Enhancing the Beauty of the Sanctuary

August 3, 2014

In Loving Memory of

Deaconess Willetta (Etta) Adams

For the 57 years, 8 months, and 25 days that the Lord gave us together

Placed there by her husband, Reverend Miller Adams

August 10, 2014

In Celebration of Our 58th Wedding Anniversary

(August 11, 1956)

“To God Be the Glory”

Brother Leon & Sister Rose Marie Stein

August 17, 2014

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Sermon Topics

(all sermons by Pastor Johnson unless otherwise noted)

July 6

“Two Crucial Questions”
Matthew 16:13-20

July 13

“What is Your Worship Worth?”
Malachi 1:6-14
Rev. John Davis

July 20

“The Question of An Absurd Testimony”
Luke 6:46-49

July 27

“Faith That Works”
James 1:2-4
Rev. Dr. Velva Burley Flowers

Prayer & Praise Service

August 6

Bus Ministry
(Deacon Ulysses Hunter)

August 13

Sorosis Guild
(Sis. Yvonne Jackson Davis)

August 20

Children's Ministry
(Rev. Will Hawk)

August 27

Usher Ministry
(Sis. Christine Smith)

Fellowship Hour

August 3 (First Sunday)

No Fellowship Hour

August 10

Hospitality Ministry

August 17

Group #15

August 24

Group #4

August 31

Health Ministry & Optimist Club

Sick and Shut-In

ATKINSON, Sis. Susie
BERYL-BANKS,
Sis. Cynthia
BLAIR, Bro. Joseph
BLAIR, Sis. Merna
BRUNSON, Bro. Todd
BRYANT, Sis. Mattie
BURKE, Bro. Louis
BUSCH, Bro. Leon
BUTLER, Sis. Tonia
BYAS, Sis. Flora
CALLOWAY, Sis. Autry B.
COLLINS, Sis. Ruth
GALTNEY, Sis. Maxine
GRAY, Sis. Genene L.
GEORGE, Deacon John
GILCHRIST, Sis. Doris
GREEN, Sis. Pamela
HAMLIN, Sis. Eugenia
HAWKES, Bro. Earnest
HELMS, Bro. Thomas
HICKS, Rev. Dr.
Gwendolyn
HICKS, Sis. Mary
HINES, Sis. Bernadine
HORTON, Sis. Carrie
HOWARD, Sis. Mary
HUNTER, Bro. James
HUNTER, Sis. Willie
JOHNSON, Sis. Audrey
JOHNSON, Sis. Ruby
JONES, Sis. Helen
JONES, Sis. Jennie
LEE, Sis. Mary
LINEBARGER,
Deaconess Nazell
LOGAN, Sis. Norma
LYNCH, Sis. Willie B.
MARTIN, Disciple Joan
MAYFIELD, Dr. Jean
McKEE, Sis. Johnnie M.
McNEIL, Dr. Pearl Walker
MILLENDER, Sis. Sara
MILLENER, Bro. Michael
NEAL, Sis. Lois
PRUITT, Sis. Bessie
RANDALL, Sis. Jessie
ROBERTS, Sis. Mildred
SMITH, Sis. Chanel
STEWART, Sis. Sharon
THOMAS, Sis. Margaret
WARREN, Bro. Bruce
WARREN, Sis. Thelma
WHITE, Sis. Thelma
WINDOM,
Sis. Eddie Maye
WRIGHT, Sis. Lenora

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Sis. Sheri Walker & family for the loss of her  
mother, Sis. Marva Walker  
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Bro. LeRoy Davis & family for the loss of his
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her brother, Bro. Albert Thomas  
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Every Sunday

Worship Service . . . . . 11:00 am  
 Sunday Church School . . . . . 9:30 am  
 Big Sisters - Children 2-1/2 - 5 yrs - Child Development Center. . . . . 11:00 am

Celebration of Holy Communion • Every 1st Sunday (11:00 am)

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


Children's Worship Celebration • Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday (11:00 am)

Family Bible Study • Every Tuesday (6:30 pm)

Midweek Prayer & Praise Service • Every Wednesday (7:00 pm)

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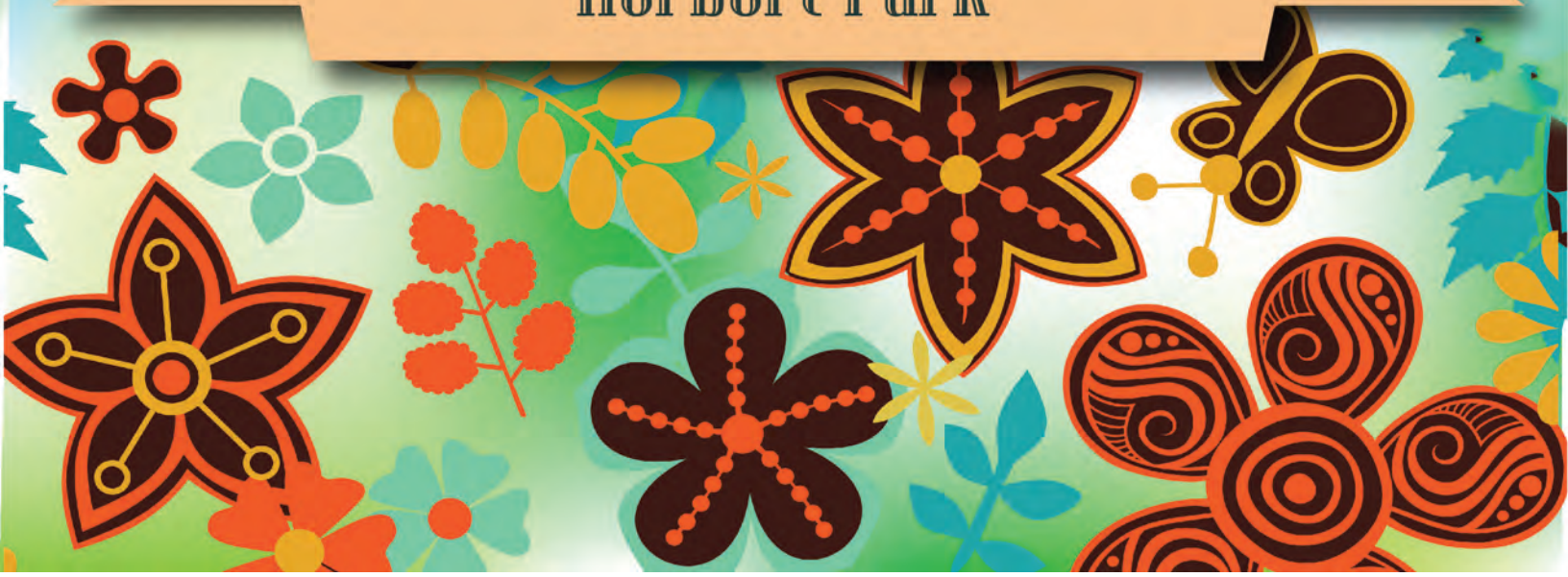




Back <sup>to</sup>  SCHOOL  
**RALLY**



Saturday, August 23, 2014  
Herbert Park



# BACKPACKS, BASKETBALL AND GOOD NEWS: IT'S TIME FOR TAB'S BACK-TO-SCHOOL RALLY!



## Leaders Say Now is the Time for Groups, Ministries and Members to Donate Backpacks, Other School Supplies, and Uniforms

It may not be the most welcomed news flash, but it's nonetheless true.

Summer vacation is almost over.

Still, it's not all gloom and gnashing of teeth everywhere. In fact, at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, summer's perennial winding down is met with celebration and re-dedication.

After all, it's time for Tab's annual Back-to-School Rally, an exciting component of the church's "Claiming Our Jerusalem" activities.

This year, even the theme for the event has a school bell-like ring to it. The theme is "Back to School in the Neighborhood: Rise and Shine." And the scripture for the rally is taken from Matthew 5:16: *"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."*

The Back-to-School Rally is set for Saturday, August 23, at 9 a.m. at Herbert Park. As in previous years, the event will feature musical entertainment, a puppet show, food and refreshments, and a 3-on-3 basketball tournament for boys and girls. Backpacks

and other school supplies will be distributed, along with school uniforms of various colors and sizes. Organizers this year are highlighting an extreme need for donations of new and/or gently used uniforms. They say the move to uniforms or strict clothing policies by virtually all public, charter, and private schools means the need for uniform assistance in hard-hit Detroit communities has grown exponentially.

The "Good Deeds" portion of all "Claiming Our Jerusalem" activities – such as the Back-to-School rally – is invariably twinned with a "Good News" portion. At about 10 a.m. on the rally date, some 40 evangelism teams of 4-5 members each will fan out in neighborhoods near Herbert Park, knock on doors, and share the gospel with residents. About a week before the rally (Friday, August 15), Tab members will head into the neighborhoods to drop off flyers announcing the event and inviting residents to come enjoy the festivities.

"Once again, we have been given the opportunity to express our love and concern through the blessing of the children in the community," said Pastor Nathan Johnson. "Each year, the church rallies to the call to bless the children with backpacks, other school supplies, and even uniforms.

"It is also an opportunity to attach the "Good deeds" activities – such as distributing backpacks – with the sharing of "Good News". We do this by evangelizing the community, fulfilling our mandate as followers of Jesus Christ."

## Following an Inspired Blueprint Developed by Rev. Dr. Joy Davis

Pastor Johnson said Tab's Rev. Dr. Joy Davis – now away from Tabernacle doing missionary work – deserves a special "thank-you" for both the traditional success and ongoing momentum of the annual rally.

"I'd like for all of us to show our appreciation for



the contribution through the years that Rev. Davis has given to this initiative,” said Pastor Johnson. “We thank her for her efforts in giving leadership in past years, and we appreciate (2014 co-chairs) Rev. Terry Robinson and Rev. Willie Hawk for picking up the mantle and continuing this good work.”

The good work relies on donations of backpacks, notebooks, ink pens, and a variety of other new school supplies plus new or gently used uniform items such as slacks and shirts for children of all sizes. Over the years, virtually all Deacons’ Groups, other organizations, and ministries have contributed numerous backpacks for distribution at the rally. This year, organizers hope to have all donated items submitted by Sunday, Aug. 10, although leaders acknowledge sometimes making arrangements to manage and/or distribute late contributions.

Rev. Hawk said uniform donations can be made Monday through Saturday at the clothing den in the basement of the Beechwood campus. “That initiative is being spearheaded by Sis. Gloria Whittington,” said Rev. Hawk.

“We have had clothing drives and contributions in the past, but this year, we really want to focus on the children more, and I’m talking exclusively about school uniforms,” Rev. Hawk added. “We need groups and ministries to step up and contribute in a way that all different sizes are represented. The pants we want should be navy blue or khaki, The shirts should be white and button-down or polo. Of course, we also need uniform skirts plus sweaters and other uniform accessories.”

Backpacks and other school supplies can be delivered to the cloak room on Sundays and, during the week, to door monitors or to Sis. Beatrice Wright.

Rev. Hawk said he is pleased to serve as co-chair, with Rev. Robinson, of the 2014 edition of the Back-to-School Rally. Over the years, he said, he has worked on the initiative and witnessed its uplifting impact. Each year, the rally is so much more than a backpack and school supply delivery system, he said. The rally features medical screenings, dental screening, children’s games, and other opportunities for wide-ranging ministry. It is also significant, he believes, that Tabernacle has moved the rally around to different neighborhoods surrounding

the Beechwood campus and the West Grand Boulevard campus.

“Well, last year was particularly exciting because we had the rally over at the old church site on Beechwood,” said Rev. Hawk. “It was the first time we had done that as a church since we moved into the new building. As a result of the program and evangelism activities, we had 12 people come to Christ, and the majority of those people were children. It was exciting to see people responding to the Gospel and giving their lives to Jesus Christ. And I think it showed me the importance of moving around in our work with the community – whether it’s now at Herbert Park, in the community surrounding the Beechwood campus, or the Vicksburg Street area near Dexter and Grand Boulevard.”

### **A Uniform, Church-Wide Response to a Uniform Crisis Faced by Many Families**

It may be too obvious to mention, but many Detroit families are struggling under the weight of unemployment and financial strain. While the move to mandatory uniform policies at many schools has been welcomed by most, meeting uniform requirements can be overwhelming for many families.

Students who struggle to have and wear clean, well-kept uniforms can be the target of derision by other students and even face challenges from the occasionally insensitive teacher or administrator. Problems with uniforms can definitely derail a student’s education, Rev. Hawk said. Uniform challenges can lead to problems with self-esteem, classroom focus and behavior, he added.

“These days, uniforms can be just like designer clothing as it relates to social stigma and other social issues children go through,” said Rev. Hawk. “Having a clean uniform – or really having clean uniforms because you need more than one – is extremely important to the social health of the child. As we know, many families don’t have a washer or dryer in the house, and they may find themselves trying to find the money and transportation to make trips to the laundromat once or twice a week. Addressing their uniform needs can make a big difference on a lot of fronts, including spiritual. We will help them on their spiritual path as they see that

people from the faith community do care about them.”

How Tab’s Back-to-School Rally sows the seeds of lasting relationships

Rev. Robinson said that while the “Good Deeds” initiatives and the “Good News” initiatives may appear to be different, they actually are interrelated.

“It is important that as followers of Jesus Christ -- and as a local church that strives to be the expression of the love of Jesus Christ -- that we be good neighbors,” said Rev. Robinson. “In order to really bring the Gospel to those who are lost, we need to remember that people don’t care that you know until they know that you care. The Back-to-School Rally lets people in the community know that we care. Our “Good Deeds” produce goodwill

that opens up the door for “Good News”.”

The goodwill and outreach can also lead to relationship with Tabernacle’s church school and the church as a whole, Pastor Johnson emphasizes.

“The Back-to-School Rally is not only an outreach and evangelism effort,” said Pastor Johnson. “It is also an effort to expose the community to our church school and extend an invitation to members of the community to become a part of our church school and the church as well.”

*For more information on how to donate items and otherwise participate in the Back-to-School Rally, call (313) 898-3325.*

*written by Deacon Danton Wilson*

## 2013 Back-to-School Rally

