

COME HOME TO FAMILY

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Love By the One That Matters The Most!

Everybody wants to be loved. Many people spend their whole life searching for love. Some people settle for strange relationships that don't satisfy this longing. Some people even try to make themselves into somebody that they are not in an attempt to have someone love them. They find themselves empty because whatever this is that they have found, it is far less than the kind of love they really need.

Does this kind of satisfying love really exist? Is there anyone who is capable of loving us like this? The answer is an indisputable, "Yes." The kind of love that completely satisfies is not often seen in the images presented by Hollywood. Too many times what we see in the theaters and on the television is nothing more than an exploitation of the strange aberrations we called love. These aberrations are based on the dysfunction of self-centeredness which is innate in

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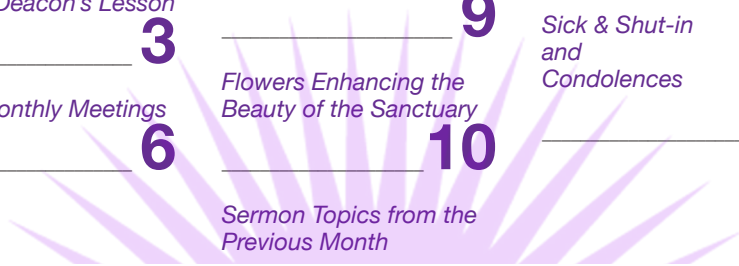
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Share Your Faith for The Sake of His Compassion

As we are now a couple of weeks into Lent, we have had some time to reflect upon the blessings of the Cross. As a church body we have purposed to survey the Compassion of Christ. Regarding the many compassions of our Lord and Savior, none is greater than His bearing our sins on the Cross.

When we look at the book of Romans beginning at chapter 1:18 – chapter 3 we find Paul being used by God as a prosecuting attorney stating his charges against the defendant. As it turns out it is the entire human race who is the defendant which is being charged. After hearing the charges against humanity, who among us can stand up and say I am innocent of these charges? I must confess, after hearing the charges, and knowing the personal charges against me, and understanding that I am guilty as charged, I have often wondered as I am sure you have, can God really forgive everything that I have done and accept me as I am? The answer of course is a resounding yes for anyone who believes in His Son, Jesus Christ. Some of us may struggle with the answer to this question and consequently contain ourselves and others in a prison of our own making.

How is it possible for God to know everything I have done and still accept me as I am? One answer is His compassion. God sets us free by His grace through redeeming us from the bondage of sin. God delivers us by His patience as He withholds the wrath that is rightfully His because of our past sins. God declares us right by forgiving our sins, by covering our sins and by not counting our sins against us. All of this is made possible because of the compassionate sacrifice of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

There is no secret what the Lord can do. What He has done for me He will do for you.

Share your faith this Lenten season.

Congress At-A-Glance

****Save the Date****

Opening Worship Service
June 21, 2015, 7:00 pm

Dean's Address
June 23, 2015, 2:00 pm

Opening Musical
June 23, 2015, 7:00 pm

President's Address
June 25, 2015, 2:00 pm

Young Adult Explosion (iRock)
June 25, 2015, 7:00 pm

Commencement
June 16, 2015, 2:00 pm

Children's Rally
June 26, 2015, 5:00 pm

Youth Rally
June 26, 2015, 7:00 pm

Classes available Tuesday-Friday, June 23-26, 2015
Visit www.nationalbaptist.com for more information

Spiritual Fellowship

Goal: To learn what true community is and to practice biblical Koinonia

Lesson Objective: To experience spiritual fellowship, based on biblical principles, with others who share a common life in Jesus Christ.

Scripture: *“You must warn each other every day, while it is still “today,” so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God.” (Hebrews 3:13 NLT)*

Overview:

This month's lesson will emphasize the biblical practice of koinonia through spiritual fellowship with people who share a common life in Jesus Christ. Spiritual fellowship is a mutual commitment to one another that sustains and strengthens our faith. A prerequisite of this mutual benefit is a close fellowship with Christ and the knowledge of His Word. For the true Christian, this fellowship begins with a personal communion with the Father made possible by the mediation of His Son Jesus Christ.

When we as a community of believers truly apply the principles of Koinonia, this compels us to grow in spiritual fellowship with one another. Spiritual fellowship involves mutual spiritual stimulation which is distinct from regular social activity within the body of Christ. It may come from reading or studying the Bible, memorization of Scriptures, and sharing applications of biblical principles with one another. It helps to hear what God is saying to us through another believer. Spiritual fellowship means that we “watch out” for and help one another in that we become committed and assume responsibility to encourage, admonish, and pray for one another.

As we seek to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ, we must experience spiritual growth with others through the knowledge and the application of the Word of God for vital nourishment, so that our spiritual journey is pleasing to God. Paul commended the believers at Rome because they were full of goodness, complete in knowledge and competent to instruct one another. They engaged in spiritual fellowship, mutually building up and caring for one another. (Romans 15:14)

“That which we have seen and heard we declare to you that you may have fellowship with us and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.” (1 John 1:3)

Sharing Biblical Truth

Sharing biblical truth starts with the revelation of

the scripture. Recording important truths from your daily Bible readings is a great way to grow. Two people may share with one another or this can take place within a small group setting. We must pray that the Holy Spirit will illuminate our minds to the understanding of His written Word, so that we may freely and accurately share what we have learned. Also we must be careful to listen to what other Christians have to say, for God often speaks to us through other believers.

*“As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.”
(Proverbs 27:17)*

Spiritual fellowship has multiple components in addition to sharing scriptural truths. Optimum spiritual fellowship includes the following:

Encouraging One Another – In the face of seeking to live a Christian life daily during both good and difficult times, in this culture, and amidst different national views, it is essential to encourage and build one another up daily or weekly as time permits.

Openness with One Another – This involves sharing our disappointments, failures, sins, discouragements, and weaknesses in addition to our blessings and joys. Paul said that we are to speak the truth in love so that we may grow up in all things into Jesus Christ the head of the body. (Ephesians 4: 15)

“Brethren, even if a man be overtaken in any trespass, ye who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness.....” (Galatians 6:1)

Accountability – Christ followers must be mutually accountable where there is the willingness to be checked on and challenged in agreed-on areas of one's life. This involves mutual trust, confidentiality, openness, and concern. Accountability is very important for those involved in discipleship training.

“Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much” (James 5:16)

Praying Together – Prayer is vital in the body of Christ. This is where we personally commune with God for ourselves, our families, and on behalf of one another. Sadly, this is an under used resource which has so much potential in growing us, shaping us and empowering us spiritually, increasing our faith and knowledge of God Himself, communion with Him, and building us up in the body of Christ.

Loved By The One That Matters The Most!

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human kind. The kind of love we need presents no prerequisites to meet. The truth is that we cannot do anything to meet any prerequisites, we need the kind of love that will accept us as we are. Also, the kind of love we need cannot come with strings attached, that is a payment book in order to pay off the love extended to us. The type of love we need is a type the world does not offer, this love is agape love, love that is unconditional.

Unconditional love is not an uninformed love. Unconditional love is the kind of love that is completely informed about its object. Often the love people have for us is uninformed, there are things they don't know about us. And, when they discover the things they don't know, they choose not to love us any longer. The love that we need is a love that is extended to us in spite of knowing every little thing, every big thing, every good thing, and every bad thing about us. The love we need is the kind of love that loves us anyhow, no matter what. I hear the words of the composer John B. Mackay raising the question: "Is there anyone can help us, one who understands our hearts, When the thorns of life have pierced them till they bleed; One who sympathizes with us, who in wondrous love imparts Just the very very blessing that we need?" Mr. Mackay quickly answers his query, he writes in the refrain: "Yes, there's One, only One, The blessed, blessed Jesus, He's the One! When afflictions press the soul, When waves of trouble roll, And you need a friend to help you, He's the One."

The Apostle Paul writes these words: "When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for

a person who is especially good. But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners." (Romans 5:6–8, NLT)

As we approach Resurrection Sunday, we should be reminded that we have been and we are being and will continue to be loved by the One that matters the most. If you really want to know what real love is, just take a long look at Calvary. It should be a comforting thing to know that God loves you. God loves us unconditionally and eternally. God has loved us openly. He did not hide His love for us. God put His unconditional love for us on display. He displayed His love for us while we were unable to do anything about our situation. Because of our rebellion against God, we were under a death penalty. God loved us so much that He would not have us spend eternity separated from Him. To be separated from God while we are physically alive is to experience spiritual death. But, to die without accepting God's gift of His love is to experience eternal death. Therefore, God sent Christ, His only begotten Son to die for us. In other words God sent His Son to die in our place. God did this to prove His love for us and in order that we might have real life and in order that we might spend eternity with Him. As we journey through this Lenten season, let us have our minds refreshed with this unchanging truth. You and I are "Loved by the One Who Matters the Most."

Shalom!

Pastor Nathan Johnson

TMBC Monthly Meetings

Sunday – March 1, 2015 8:15 Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson) 9:30 Sunday Church School 11:00 Morning Worship (Lord's Supper) 11:00 Children's Ministry (1st & 3rd Sundays, Morris) 1:30 Cherub Choir Rehearsal (1st & 3rd Sundays, Choir Room) 1:30 Group #7 (1st Sundays, Wilcoxson) 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)	Sunday– March 8 8:15 Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson) 9:30 Sunday Church School 11:00 Morning Worship (Baptism) 1:30 Group #15 (2nd Sundays, Story Room) 1:30 Group #2/16 (2nd Sundays, Morris Room) 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)
Monday – March 2 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) 6:00 Monday Night Bible Class (Mondays, Room 2156)	Monday – March 9 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) 6:00 Monday Night Bible Class (Mondays, Room 2156)
Tuesday – March 3 9:15 Staff Meeting 10:00 AARP Chapter 4803 (2nd Monday/1st Tuesday, Morris) 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)	Tuesday – March 10 9:15 Staff Meeting 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)
Wednesday – March 4 12:00 Noon Bible Study (Wednesdays, Morris) 6:00 Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Room 2156) 7:00 Prayer & Praise Service (Wednesdays, Chapel)	Wednesday – March 11 12:00 Noon Bible Study (Wednesdays, Morris) 6:00 Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Room 2156) 7:00 Prayer & Praise Service (Wednesdays, Chapel)
Thursday – March 5 5:00 Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room) 5:30 Thursday Night Bible Class (Thursdays, Room 2156) 6:00 Silent Ministry (Thursdays, Room 2164) 6:30 Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)	Thursday – March 12 5:00 Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room) 6:00 Northwestern Alumni Association (Thursday after 2nd Sunday, Wilcoxson Room) 5:30 Thursday Night Bible Class (Thursdays, Room 2156) 6:00 Silent Ministry (Thursdays, Room 2164) 6:30 Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)
Friday – March 6 6:00 Friday Night Bible Class (Fridays, Room 2156)	Friday – March 13 6:00 Friday Night Bible Class (Fridays, Room 2156)
Saturday – March 7 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)	Saturday – March 14 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)

Sunday – March 15		Sunday – March 22	
8:15	Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson)	8:15	Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson)
9:30	Sunday Church School	9:30	Sunday Church School
11:00	Morning Worship (Baby Dedication)	11:00	Morning Worship
11:00	Children's Ministry (1st & 3rd Sundays, Morris)	1:30	Group #19/26/28 (4th Sundays, Wilcoxson)
1:30	Cherub Choir Rehearsal (1st & 3rd Sundays, Choir Room)	1:30	Group #24 (4th Sundays, Morris)
1:30	Group #1 (3rd Sundays, Chapel)	1:30	Group #6/23 (4th Sundays, Room 2151)
1:30	Group #10/21 (3rd Sundays, Room 2173)	1:30	Health Ministry (4th Sunday, Usher Board Room)
1:30	Group #12 (3rd Sundays, Wilcoxson)	6:00	Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)
1:30	Group #18 (3rd Sundays, Story)	Monday – March 23	
1:30	Group #25 (3rd Sundays, Room 2176/2179)	4:30	Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room)
1:30	Group #29 (3rd Sundays, Room 2161)	6:00	Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting (Mondays, Room 2152)
1:30	Group #4 (3rd Sundays, Room 2165)	6:00	Monday Night Bible Class (Mondays, Room 2156)
1:30	Teen Council Meeting (3rd Sunday, Room 2159)	Tuesday – March 24	
1:30	Marr-O-Nots Fellowship (3rd Sunday, Room 2156)	9:15	Staff Meeting
6:00	Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)	6:00	Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)
Monday – March 16		Wednesday – March 25	
4:30	Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room)	12:00	Noon Bible Study (Wednesdays, Morris)
6:00	Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting (Mondays, Room 2152)	6:00	Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Room 2156)
6:00	Super Saturday Women & Girls' Committee Meeting (Monday after 1st & 3rd Sundays, Room 2157)	7:00	Prayer & Praise Service (Wednesdays, Chapel)
6:00	Deacon's Ministry (Monday after 3rd Sunday, Board Room)	Thursday – March 26	
6:30	Sunday School Worker's Conference (Monday after 3rd Sunday, Wilcoxson/Story Room)	5:00	Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)
6:00	Monday Night Bible Class (Mondays, Room 2156)	6:00	Northwestern Alumni Association (Thursday after 2nd Sunday, Wilcoxson Room)
Tuesday – March 17		5:30	Thursday Night Bible Class (Thursdays, Room 2156)
9:15	Staff Meeting	6:00	Silent Ministry (Thursdays, Room 2164)
6:00	Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)	6:30	Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)
Wednesday – March 18		Friday – March 27	
12:00	Noon Bible Study (Wednesdays, Morris)	6:00	Friday Night Bible Class (Fridays, Room 2156)
6:00	Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Room 2156)	Saturday – March 28	
7:00	Prayer & Praise Service (Wednesdays, Chapel)	10:00	Love & Respect Couples Fellowship (Saturday before the 5th Sunday, Morris Room)
Thursday – March 19		12:00	Quilting, Crocheting, and Knitting Class (Saturdays, Room 2159)
5:00	Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)	12:00	Narcotics Anonymous (NA, Beechwood Campus)
6:00	Northwestern Alumni Association (Thursday after 2nd Sunday, Wilcoxson Room)	1:00	Contemporary Christian Chorale Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room)
5:30	Thursday Night Bible Class (Thursdays, Room 2156)	2:00	Blessed Hearts Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room)
6:00	Silent Ministry (Thursdays, Room 2164)	2:30	Women & Girls' Choir Rehearsal (Saturdays, Chapel)
6:30	Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)	Sunday – March 29	
Friday – March 20		9:00	Super Saturday (Saturday before 4th Sunday)
6:00	Friday Night Bible Class (Fridays, Room 2156)		Men & Boys' (Morris Room)
Saturday – March 21			Women & Girls' (Wilcoxson/Story)
9:00	Super Saturday (Saturday before 4th Sunday)	12:00	Narcotics Anonymous (NA, Beechwood Campus)
	Men & Boys' (Morris Room)	1:00	Contemporary Christian Chorale Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room)
	Women & Girls' (Wilcoxson/Story)	2:00	Blessed Hearts Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room)
12:00	Narcotics Anonymous (NA, Beechwood Campus)	2:30	Women & Girls' Choir Rehearsal (Saturdays, Chapel)
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)		

Sick and Shut-In

BENTLEY, Bro. Christopher	JOHNSON, Sis. Audrey
BERRY, Deaconess Rudelle	JOHNSON, Sis. Lois
BERYL-BANKS, Sis. Cynthia	JOHNSON, Sis. Ruby
BLAIR, Bro. Joseph	JONES, Sis. Helen
BRADLEY, Bro. James	JONES, Sis. Jennie
BRUNSON, Bro. Todd	LEE, Sis. Mary
BRYANT, Sis. Mattie	LINEBARGER, Deaconess Nazell
BURKE, Bro. Louis	LOGAN, Sis. Norma
BUSCH, Bro. Leon	LYNCH, Sis. Willie B.
BYAS, Sis. Flora	MARTIN, Disciple Joan
CALLOWAY, Sis. Autry B.	MAYFIELD, Dr. Jean
COLLINS, Sis. Ruth	McKEE, Sis. Johnnie M.
DAVIS, Bro. Audtry	MILLENER, Bro. Michael
DENT, Bro. Riley	NEAL, Sis. Lois
FERGUSON, Sis. Mary	RANDALL, Sis. Jessie
GALTNEY, Sis. Maxine	ROBERTS, Sis. Mildred
GEORGE, Deacon John	SMITH, Sis. Chanel
GILCHRIST, Sis. Doris	STEWART, Sis. Sharon
GRADY, Sis. Marion	THOMAS, Sis. Margaret
HAMLIN, Sis. Eugenia	TYLER, Bro. Eddie
HAWKES, Bro. Earnest	WARREN, Bro. Bruce
HELMS, Bro. Thomas	WARREN, Sis. Thelma
HICKS, Rev. Dr. Gwendolyn	WHITE, Sis. Thelma
HICKS, Sis. Mary	WILLIAMS, Sis. Gola
HINES, Sis. Bernadine	WINDOM, Sis. Eddie Maye
HORTON, Sis. Carrie	
HOWARD, Sis. Mary	
HUNTER, Bro. James	
JACKSON, Bro. James	

Condolences

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Rev. Terry & Sis. Janice Robinson for the loss  
of his mother, Sis. Azzie Lee Robinson  
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Sis. Mattie Bryant for the loss of her niece,
Sis. Roxie Banks
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Sis. Patricia Reid for the loss of her father,  
Bro. Matthew Reid  
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Bro. Joe & Sis. Jacqueline Barber for the loss
of his uncle, Bro. John Carter
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Bro. Glenn Burns for the loss of his sister-in-  
law, Sis. Yvette Michelle Brown  
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Sis. Mary Cox for the loss of her husband,
Bro. Henry Cox Jr.
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Sis. Rose Byas for the loss of her sister,  
Sis. Eva Louise Blackwell  
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Dea. James & Deaconess Minnie Martin for the
loss of his sister, Sis. Harriett Louise Martin
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Bro. Nemiah & Sis. Ruth Fulwood for the loss  
of her brother, Bro. Harold H. Cadwell Sr.  
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Rev. Leon Herndon for the loss of his father,
Bro. William E. Harndon
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To the family of Bro. John Broom  
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Important Announcements

Kentucky State University Concert Choir (Sponsored by the Worship Arts Ministry)

March 6, 2015, 7:30pm

All are welcome as we host the KSU Concert Choir. See Sis. Anna Riggins or Sis. Tamesha Rouse for more information on this annual worship through music ministry.

Oratorical Contest (Sponsored by the Faith, Hope, Love Optimist Club)

March 21, 2015, 3:00 pm

Join us to support this years contestants as they present their speeches on the topic, "How My Optimism Will Help Me Press on to Greater Achievements in the future."

Love and Respect Marriage Enrichment Class

March 28, 2015, 10:30 am

Pastor and Sis. Johnson invites all married couples to join them in this quarterly marriage enrichment fellowship.

REGISTRATION FOR THE NATIONAL CONGRESS NOW OPEN!

Tabernacle's Deadline is March 29, 2015

You've heard the announcements. Here are the steps for you to participate in the 110th Session of the National Baptist Congress held in Detroit, MI.

1. Visit the National Baptist Convention website - <http://www.nationalbaptist.com/meetings--events/congress-of-christian-education/registration.html>

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Metropolitan District of
Congress of Christian
Education (MEDCCE)

2015 CALENDAR

March 14, 2015, 8:45 am

Regular Session

Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church
2080 W. Grand Blvd. Detroit, MI 48208

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### Annual Session the week of

**April 13, 2015**

Unity Baptist Church  
7500 Tireman Ave., Detroit, MI 48204

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Christian Education Midwest Regional Conference 2015

May 1-2, 2015

Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church
2080 W. Grand Blvd. Detroit, MI 48208
Dr. L. D. Tate, Regional Coordinator

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### National Congress of Christian Education Pre-Congress Worship

**June 21, 2015**

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2080 W. Grand Blvd. Detroit, MI 48208

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National Congress of Christian Education

June 22-26, 2015

Cobo Hall, Detroit, MI
See Sis. Irma Wise to register

2015 LENTEN WORSHIP ~ "Christ Reveals the Compassion of God" John 3:16

March 4, 2015, 7:00 pm

Lenten Worship

Led by Rev. J. Harrison's Team

"Christ Intervenes for the
Woman Caught in Adultery"
(John 8:1-11)

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March 11, 2015, 7:00 pm

### Lenten Worship

**Led by Rev. D Carter's Team**

"Christ Raises Lazarus, the Brother of  
Mary and Martha"  
(John 11:1-44)

March 18, 2015, 7:00 pm

### Lenten Worship

**Led by Rev. Dr. J. Moore's Team**

"Christ Comforts  
the Disciples"  
(John 14:1-21)

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March 25, 2015, 7:00 pm

**Hartford Fellowship at
Tabernacle Missionary Baptist
Church**

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March 29, 2015

### Palm Sunday/Night Sunday School

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April 2, 2015, 7:00 pm

Maundy Thursday

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April 3, 2015,

### Good Friday

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April 5, 2015, 11:00 am

RESURRECTION SUNDAY!

Monthly Meetings(cont.)

Weekly Bible Studies

Sunday – March 29	
8:15	Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson)
9:30	Sunday Church School
11:00	Morning Worship
6:00	Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)
Monday – March 30	
4:30	Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room)
6:00	Monday Night Bible Class (Mondays, Room 2156)
6:00	Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting (Mondays, Room 2152)
Tuesday – March 31	
9:15	Staff Meeting
6:00	Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)
Wednesday – April 1	
12:00	Noon Bible Study (Wednesdays, Morris)
6:00	Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Room 2156)
7:00	Prayer & Praise Service (Wednesdays, Chapel)
Thursday – April 2	
5:00	Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)
5:30	Thursday Night Bible Class (Thursdays, Room 2156)
6:00	Silent Ministry (Thursdays, Room 2164)
6:30	Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)
Friday – April 3	
6:00	Friday Night Bible Class (Fridays, Room 2156)
Saturday – April 4	
7:00	Ministers & Disciples Meeting (Saturday before first Sunday, Morris Room)
10:00	Leadership Council (Saturday before first 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)

Sunday, 8:15 am

Dawnseeker's Class (Wilcoxson)

Sunday, 9:30 am

Sunday Church School (All Ages)

New Member's Class (Room 2153)

Monday, 6:00 pm

Monday Bible Class (Room 2156)

Wednesday, 12:00 noon

Noon Bible Class (Morris Room)

Teacher's Preparation (Room 2156)

Thursday, 5:30 pm

Thursday Bible Class (Room 2156)

Friday, 6:00 pm

Friday Bible Class (Room 2156)

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2. View the list of courses available. Choose a first AND second choice course.
3. Give your Name, Contact Information, First AND Second Course choice to Sis. Irma Wise in the Sunday School Office no later than Sunday, March 29, 2015 to be included with Tabernacle's registration.

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

Weekly Sunday School Lessons

JESUS PROMISES AN ADVOCATE

Lesson 2

March 8, 2015

Devotional Reading:	Psalms 23
Background Scripture:	John 14:15-26
Print Passage:	John 14:15-26
Key Verse:	John 14:26
2 Is There No Balm in Gilead?	Jeremiah 8:18-22
3 No One to Comfort Me	Lamentations 1:17-21
4 Here Is Your God!	Isaiah 40:1-10
5 This Is My Comfort	Psalms 119:49-64
6 The Shepherd's Comfort	Psalms 23
7 When the Advocate Comes	John 15:18-26
8 An Advocate with You Forever	John 14:15-26

THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

Lesson 3

March 15, 2015

Devotional Reading:	1 Samuel 3:1-10
Background Scripture:	John 16:4b-15
Print Passage:	John 16:4b-15
Key Verse:	John 16:7
9 Where There Is No Prophecy	Proverbs 29:12-18
10 The Lord Has Closed Your Eyes	Isaiah 29:8-14
11 Speak, for Your Servant Is Listening	1 Samuel 3:1-10
12 A Trustworthy Prophet of the Lord	1 Samuel 3:11-21
13 I Commit My Spirit	Psalms 31:1-8
14 Worship in Spirit and Truth	John 4:21-26
15 The Spirit of Truth Will Guide You	John 16:4b-15

RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

Lesson 4

March 22, 2015

Devotional Reading:	Romans 14:13-19
Background Scripture:	John 20:19-23; Acts 1:4-8; 2:1-4
Print Passage:	John 20:19-23
Key Verse:	John 20:22
16 The Holy Spirit Speaks	Mark 13:5-11
17 Gentiles Receive the Holy Spirit	Acts 10:39-48
18 Full of the Spirit and Faith	Acts 11:19-26
19 Joy in the Holy Spirit	Romans 14:13-19
20 Power from the Holy Spirit	Acts 1:4-8
21 Be Filled with the Spirit	Ephesians 5:15-21
22 Receive the Holy Spirit	John 20:19-23

THE ONE WHO COMES

Lesson 5

March 29, 2015

Devotional Reading:	Isaiah 45:20-25
Background Scripture:	Mark 11:1-11
Print Passage:	Mark 11:1-11
Key Verse:	Mark 11:9
23 God Judges the Peoples with Equity	Psalms 67
24 A Righteous God and a Savior	Isaiah 45:20-25
25 God Highly Exalted Him	Philippians 2:9-16
26 Beware, Keep Alert	Mark 13:30-37
27 The Coming Son of Man	Mark 14:55-62
28 The World Has Gone after Him	John 12:14-19
29 Blessed Is the Coming Kingdom	Mark 11:1-11

RESURRECTION GUARANTEED

Lesson 6

April 5, 2015

Devotional Reading:	John 11:20-27
Background Scripture:	1 Corinthians 15:1-22
Print Passage:	1 Corinthians 15:1-11, 20-22
Key Verse:	1 Corinthians 15:22
30 Jesus Has Died	Matthew 27:45-50
31 Christ Has Risen	Matthew 28:1-8
1 Christ Will Come Again	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
2 The Resurrection and the Life	John 11:20-27
3 The Hope of Eternal Life	Titus 3:1-7
4 If Christ Has Not Been Raised	1 Corinthians 15:12-19
5 In Fact, Christ Has Been Raised	1 Corinthians 15:1-11, 20-22

Reading Through the Bible in a Year

March

1 Numbers 26,27	Mark 8:22-38
2 Numbers 28,29	Mark 9:1-29
3 Numbers 30,31	Mark 9:30-50
4 Numbers 32,33	Mark 10:1-31
5 Numbers 34,35,36	Mark 10:32-52
6 Deuteronomy 1,2	Mark 11:1-19
7 Deuteronomy 3,4	Mark 11:20-33
8 Deuteronomy 5,6,7	Mark 12:1-27
9 Deuteronomy 8,9,10	Mark 12:28-44
10 Deuteronomy 11,12,13	Mark 13:1-13
11 Deuteronomy 14,15,16	Mark 13:14-37
12 Deuteronomy 17,18,19	Mark 14:1-25
13 Deuteronomy 20,21,22	Mark 14:26-50
14 Deuteronomy 23,24,25	Mark 14:51-72
15 Deuteronomy 26,27	Mark 15:1-26
16 Deuteronomy 28	Mark 15:27-47
17 Deuteronomy 29,30	Mark 16
18 Deuteronomy 31,32	Luke 1:1-23
19 Deuteronomy 33,34	Luke 1:24-56
20 Joshua 1,2,3	Luke 1:57-80
21 Joshua 4,5,6	Luke 2:1-24
22 Joshua 7,8	Luke 2:25-52
23 Joshua 9,10	Luke 3
24 Joshua 11,12,13	Luke 4:1-32
25 Joshua 14,15	Luke 4:33-44
26 Joshua 16,17,18	Luke 5:1-16
27 Joshua 19,20	Luke 5:17-39
28 Joshua 21,22	Luke 6:1-26
29 Joshua 23,24	Luke 6:27-49
30 Judges 1,2	Luke 7:1-30
31 Judges 3,4,5	Luke 7:31-50

April

1 Judges 6,7	Luke 8:1-21
2 Judges 8,9	Luke 8:22-56
3 Judges 10,11	Luke 9:1-36
4 Judges 12,13,14	Luke 9:37-62

Flowers Enhancing the Beauty of the Sanctuary

Honor or memorialize your loved ones by dedicating
Sanctuary Flowers. Dates are available throughout the year.
Please call the Church for information.

March 15, 2015

In Honor & Celebration of

Pastor Nathan Johnson
Happy Birthday, March 16th

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12th Annual SSPB Midwest Region Conference May 1-2, 2015

Held at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church
Early Registration ends April 15, 2015

See Sis. Irma Wise for more information on classes,
registration, and participation.

**Conference opens Friday morning at 8:45 am and
ends Saturday at 1:30 pm.**

Friday Evening Worship Open to All - 7:00 pm
Keynote Speaker, Rev. Derrick Jackson
Executive Director, Sunday School Publishing Board

Congress of Christian Education 110th Annual Session June 22-26, 2015

Detroit, Michigan - Cobo Center
Faith-Building, Fellowship & Fireworks!

It's time to register. 1st and 2nd Class choices are due no later than
March 29, 2015. See Sis. Irma Wise in the Sunday School Office
for more information. View open courses by visiting the National
Baptist Website below.

<http://www.nationalbaptist.com/meetings--events/congress-of-christian-education/registration.html>

Sermon Topics

(all sermons by Pastor Johnson unless otherwise noted)

February 1
Vital Signs

1 Corinthians 13:13

February 8
Go for the Gold
Matthew 7:12

February 15
Have You Met the Heart Fixer?
Psalm 147:3

February 22
A Lesson Every Parent Ought to Teach!
Proverbs 3:1-6

Prayer & Praise Service

March 4
Lenten Worship
Led by Rev. Johnnie Harrison's Team

March 11
Lenten Worship
Led by Rev. Debra Carter's Team

March 18
Lenten Worship
Led by Rev. Dr. Joyce Moore's Team

March 25
Lenten Worship with
Hartford Memorial Baptist Church
at Tabernacle MBC

Fellowship Hour

March 1 / April 1
Fellowship Experienced through
Observance of the Lord's Supper

March 8
Girl Scouts

March 15
Nurses Guild & Big Sister's Ministry
Sis. Michelle Robinson / Sis. Sheila Ragland

March 22
Marr-O-Not Fellowship
Bro. Kevin Kennedy

March 29
Group #6/23

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

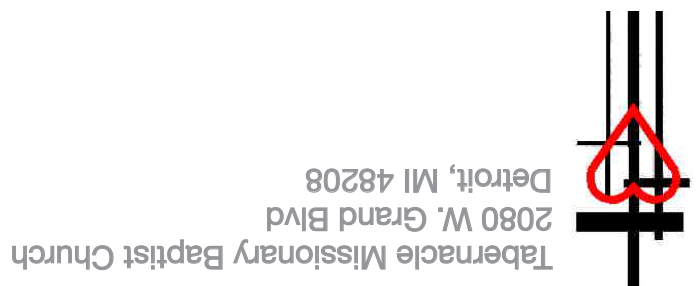
Celebration of Holy Communion • Every 1st Sunday (11:00 am)

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

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

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

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



SHADOWED BENEATH THY HAND – PART 2

MORE STORIES OF TAB'S RICH BLACK HISTORY

This is the second of a two-part series profiling African-American history and history-makers at Tabernacle.

Tabernacle Pastor Nathan Johnson says Tabernacle has much to celebrate when it comes to African-American history.

“We are blessed to have among us people who have not merely read about history but who have created history in being, in some instances, the first African-Americans in certain positions and, in other situations, giving outstanding service in various positions,” said Pastor Johnson. “It is important to recognize – particularly during Black History Month – that historical persons are found not only in text books but many of them are also in our neighborhoods, our churches, and our families. Therefore we celebrate history and the history-makers among us.”

The profiles below highlight Tabernacle members who were willing to pass on portions of their stories, including accounts of how God has helped carry all of us “thus far on the way.”

Elliott Hall – Blessed by a Sister’s Love and the Rigors of a Paper Route



Now 76 years old, Elliott Hall has worked in a lot of places -- as a high-profile attorney defending Black Panthers, a pioneering prosecuting attorney, and a trailblazing Ford Motor Company vice president. Through it all, he has never lost sight of where he came from...or of how he was able to persevere.

“All I can say is that the good Lord has been good to this boy,” Hall says in that smooth storytelling baritone of his.

When he considers God’s goodness, Brother Hall doesn’t tend to reflect on professional awards, Washington, D.C. experiences, or boardroom influence. Instead, he drifts back to days growing up in the shadow of Tab’s old church on Beechwood and Milford. As he thinks, he thanks God for blessings such as a devoted sister named

Ada Hall and a boyhood paper route which taught him the good and sometimes not-so-good residing in people.

“The paper route made such an impression on my life,” recalls Hall. “That’s where I learned how to deal with people, and it influenced how I saw the world. There were good people, but I also got to know the kind of people who would steal from a paper boy.”

In his first significant job, Hall wasn’t just any paperboy; he was an award-winning one. He worked as a Detroit News newsboy from 1951 through 1956, regularly winning trips to places such as Bermuda and Frankenmuth plus tickets to Detroit Tigers games and other events.

Hall turned his delivery job into more than a single job. He used his paper route to “hustle” for other

jobs, prospecting for a chance to shovel snow, cut lawns with a push mower, dig up gardens, and many other tasks.

And the hustling teenager kept his eyes on a bigger prize of gaining an education. In that mission, he says he benefited especially from the love and sacrifices of his sister Ada, who somehow always found a way to contribute to the cause.

“When I say the Lord has been good to me, it begins with people such as my sister Ada,” Hall reflects. “When Ada found out I wanted to go to college, she became my biggest supporter. If I needed to have a car or some money, my sister Ada was always there. I owe Ada so much.”

The Hall family connection to Tabernacle goes back almost to Tab’s founding in 1920. Ada, now 90, joined the church when she was six. Brother Hall formally joined the church at 21, but his immersion in Tab activities stretches back much further.

One of Bro. Hall’s most significant Tab memories involves spending time with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. when Dr. King came to Detroit for a Tabernacle preaching engagement. Bro. Hall and an associate pastor named Rev. Clarence Crews – who still lives in Detroit—drove out to Willow Run Airport on a Saturday to pick Dr. King up and deliver him to the Book Cadillac Hotel downtown. The next morning they arrived to pick Dr. King up for breakfast, which would be followed by Dr. King’s Tabernacle sermon. Bro. Hall and Rev. Crews were invited up to the civil rights leader’s room while he finished getting ready.

“I remember being a bit surprised that Dr. King used the same shaving powder I used – I believe it was called Magic Shave – and it had a very, uh, distinctive smell,” said Bro. Hall. “From the Book Cadillac, we went to the home of a Tab member for breakfast. It was an impressive spread – sausage, eggs, grits, rice, bacon and more. When we got to the church, we brought Dr. King to Pastor (Jesse Jai) McNeil’s office. I was in the choir back then, so I went to be with the choir. That particular choir was called the Excelsior Choir.

“Dr. King preached on the subject of the Good Samaritan. He had just returned from a trip to the Holy Land, and he was able to vividly describe the Jericho Road. I still remember that sermon in tremendous detail.”

Bro. Hall notes that Dr. King – who already had led the Montgomery Bus Boycott plus other civil rights campaigns – was only 31 years old when he spoke at Tab. He remembers Dr. King as a humble, engaging man. Since Hall was pledging Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity at the time – and Dr. King was an Alpha – the two spent some time discussing the fraternity.

Hall would eventually become one of the most noted attorneys in Detroit history. He was one of the attorneys who represented the so-called Detroit 16, a group of activists accused in a shootout and standoff with police. Hall’s involvement in the case preceded the court case, which he and the rest of the legal team eventually won.

“I’ll never forget I was called along with Dennis Archer and a Michigan Chronicle columnist named Nadine Brown to a house on 16th and Myrtle,” Hall explained. “We went over there to help defuse the situation, and we got the people in the house to come out...without the police shooting them. All of the

activists eventually came out, except three who stayed back. It is to the credit of the police that they tear-gassed the house, and no one was killed.”

As executive director of the Detroit branch of the NAACP, Bro. Hall helped lead efforts to help desegregate Detroit Public Schools through busing and to thwart the emergence of so-called Blaxploitation films. Many of these popular 1970s-era movies tended to depict Blacks negatively, as pimps, prostitutes, drug dealers or other criminals.

When Mayor Coleman A. Young was elected Detroit's first African-American mayor in 1973, he tapped Hall to become head of the city's legal department. He would become the first African-American to occupy the post. Hall went right to work, helping dismantle the controversial and deadly STRESS police unit, which had led to a number of officer-involved shooting deaths and increased racial friction in the city. Hall also helped the city defend burgeoning efforts to increase significantly the number of Black police officers and firefighters.

In 1984, Hall became the first African-American deputy chief in the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office under John D. O'Hair. He eventually became a partner in the Dykema Gossett law firm – one of the largest in the state. After working at Dykema – and helping defend Ford Motor Company in a massive lawsuit – Ford asked Hall in 1987 to join the company as a vice president, becoming the corporation's first Black vice president. For 11 years, he was Ford Motor Company's Vice President of Washington Affairs and later became Vice President of Dealer Development, helping cultivate more minority and female auto dealers. Although retired from Ford Motor Company since 2002, Brother Hall remains active as a lawyer and leader.

Still, at least once a year, Attorney Hall takes time to drive down his old Seebaldt Street paper route, where he reflects on just how much a youngster there benefited from a sister's love and daily doses of hard work.

Dedicated to building barbers: A Tab family builds a well-groomed empire

The Black church may be the undisputed champion of meeting places in the African-American community...but the neighborhood barbershop makes the list of heavyweight contenders.

One longtime Tab family has had its collective feet firmly planted in both institutions – the Black church and Black barbering.

The visionary Green family – including Dr. Charles Green, a Tab deacon and former educational administrator at Wayne State University – has done a lot more than cut hair and open barbershops. Under the guidance of Forrest Green, Sr., the family built a barbering empire called the Michigan Barber School. Over the years, the school has produced thousands of graduates...and an impressive roster of community leaders.

It all started back in December of 1946, when the school debuted in the bustling Detroit community known as Black Bottom. It became the first barber college in Michigan to be owned and operated by Blacks for the training of Black students. Before founding a business and a school, Forrest Green Sr. first headed off to Morehouse College in Georgia, where he got a solid education and helped pay bills by cutting hair on the side. One of his more notable customers was the president of Morehouse College, Dr.

Benjamin Mays.

As a newly minted college grad (plus a licensed barber), Forrest Sr. arrived back in Detroit. Slowly he began pursuing a dream of helping other African Americans become barbers and business owners.

“My uncle Forrest Sr. felt there was a need for a location for African-Americans to pursue the field of barbering,” said Deacon Charles Green. “He saw that there was a need, and that need wasn’t being fulfilled.”

Before the Michigan Barber School opened, many Blacks who wanted to become barbers were left to learn it the best way they could. And while some Blacks had opportunities to enroll in White barber schools, the number of licensed Black barbers was paltry.

Forrest Sr. opened the school on Black Bottom’s famed Hastings Street, which featured African-American-owned businesses ranging from clothing stores and hotels to restaurants and jazz clubs. Eight students became the school’s first graduating class in 1947. The 1948 class featured 23 grads.

From the beginning, opening and running a school wasn’t easy. “There were some difficult times, especially early on when trying to establish a business,” said Deacon Green. “As an African American businessman, my uncle had to meet certain requirements, overcome certain hurdles that other barber schools didn’t encounter.”

After years on Hastings Street, city planners erased a chunk of Black Bottom, and the school moved to St. Antoine Street, also on the eastside. Shortly afterwards, urban renewal struck once more, forcing the school to move again to make way for Detroit’s new freeways. The school moved to its present site at 8990 Grand River in the 1960s.

Other Green family members have played a role in the rise of the barber school...and in keeping it going. Brothers Leslie Green and Hamilton Green were instructors. Forrest Green Sr.’s wife, Mamie Green, was a Lewis College of Business graduate who served as bookkeeper and receptionist. She also was the first African-American woman hired by Michigan Bell Telephone Company.

By 1974, Forrest Sr. and his immediate family had become members of the church where many of his relatives already attended -- Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church. He officially retired from Michigan Barber School after being named to a prestigious, newly created city post by then Detroit Mayor Coleman A. Young. Forrest Green Sr. became the City of Detroit’s first ombudsman. His son, Forrest Green Jr., took over leadership of the school.

Even Green family members who felt their career trajectory was taking them in a different direction – towards law, higher education, medicine – nonetheless got a taste of barbering. The younger generation of Greens always knew that whatever else they were, or would become, they would also be licensed barbers...and that they had no say-so in the matter whatsoever.

“When I was a senior in high school, my uncle came by and told my father that I should go to the barber school and learn barbering so I could make money while I was in college and have something to fall back on,” recalled Dr. Green. “My father agreed, and he didn’t recommend it to me. He told me ‘You are going to barber school.’ I didn’t necessarily agree with it, but I learned the value of it later. As a student at Wayne

State, I used to make money by doing barbering on weekends. It helped pay for books and assorted other expenses. Most of my cousins got the same talk...and reaped the same benefits.”

Saul Green, one of Deacon Green’s cousins and another nephew of Forrest Green Sr., distinguished himself as both a lawyer and civic leader. He was named U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan by President Bill Clinton in 1994, and he has served as corporation counsel for Wayne County and deputy mayor of Detroit. He also is a licensed barber, who as a University of Michigan student made money by cutting fellow students’ hair in his dorm.

Dr. Charles Green says he remembers finding common ground with fellow Tab deacon Rickey Gibson, also a barber. “He told me he attended Michigan Barber School and learned a lot from my uncle,” said Dr. Green.

No Retreat: Harold Taylor Recalls His Days on Civil Rights Battlefields



Harold Taylor says he knows God has protected him down through the years.

Bro. Taylor has seen more than his fair share of dangerous civil rights incidents, owing at least in part to his practice of never backing down. His history is full of examples where he did the exact opposite; he would step right into the fray, pushing for civil rights when facing dangerous, even deadly, opposition.

Bro. Taylor participated in down-South sit-ins and a variety of other demonstrations. He continued a theme of leaning on God to protect him in dangerous situations when he became a police officer in Detroit.

“I’ve had guns pulled on me and fired at me, but I have no holes in me except the ones I was born with,” says Bro. Taylor. “God has protected me in more than civil rights battles. He has protected me my whole life. “

He cites the time he was on tour with other students from Southern University. At a roadside stop in Mississippi, he strongly challenged segregationists who refused to serve him. Local Ku Klux Klan members made the scene and the situation almost boiled over. Eventually, state police came out and escorted the Black college students’ bus all the way to the Louisiana state line.

That incident happened in Philadelphia, Mississippi only a short time before civil rights activists Schwerner, Goodman, and Chaney were assaulted and eventually found brutally killed.

“God always protected me,” says Bro. Taylor. “I was unafraid at the time, and I always tried to remember what my father told me: If you must die, die as a man. I was not going to bow down to them.”

Bro. Taylor became active at Tabernacle even before he officially moved to Detroit from Louisiana. He distinguished himself in several



areas beyond civil rights and law enforcement. He is a vocalist who has been a featured soloist at events such as Detroit Tigers games, and he has served as a trainer for elite athletes. He also demonstrates lawn maintenance, gardening and other skills by volunteering with his wife to beautify Tabernacle's grounds and developing a well-received vegetable garden on church property, just beyond the church parking lot.

Aubrey McCutcheon: A Leading Labor Lawyer Learned to 'Listen to God'

When Tabernacle Deacon Aubrey McCutcheon, a noted attorney, found himself in a courtroom or heated negotiation sessions, he avoided leaving his faith and commitment to God outside the fray.

In many decades of legal practice in areas throughout the U.S., Attorney McCutcheon developed a reputation for coming up with ideas that somehow brought people together – most notably those who were relatively cemented in the notion that they would never “get together” with the other side and resolve the conflict.

As a lawyer resolving labor and sometimes racial conflict, Attorney McCutcheon was known for coming up with ideas leading to resolution of issues that long had been resistant to solutions. After a series of creative solutions that put to rest a litany of longstanding disputes, colleagues and others began to ask him, “Where did you come up with that idea?”

McCutcheon would answer in a straightforward manner, unashamed of giving God the glory.

“I just said, ‘You just have to listen to God,’” McCutcheon explained.

Attorney McCutcheon has practically lived on the cutting edge of labor law and legal issues swirling around education. And while it may be difficult for some to imagine today – given that the Detroit Public Schools administration and overall makeup is overwhelmingly Black now – Brother McCutcheon's rise to leadership in the Detroit Public Schools in the early 1970s was definitely a milestone.

Back when the Detroit Public Schools administration featured very little African American representation, Attorney McCutcheon became executive deputy superintendent of the Detroit Public Schools – the first African-American ever to hold the position.

Through the years, there has been more trailblazing. He was the first African-American president of the Young Lawyers of Metro Detroit and the first Black lawyer to head the Labor Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan. While others might say he fits the “trailblazer” description, Deacon McCutcheon says he doesn't consider himself a trailblazer.

“Those were times when it was easy to be the first...you just had to assert yourself in the group,” said Atty. McCutcheon. “I never even realized I was becoming a first. It was something you did because it was your interest.”

Trustee Katherine Pitts: Remember the Real Black Bottom Community

Trustee Katherine Pitts may not look the part, but she insists she'll turn 80 this year. As a longtime clerk in the Wayne County court system, plus a trustee at Tabernacle, and, now, a leader in one of Detroit's high schools, she certainly has had a front-row seat to Detroit history.

Highlights for her include marching in the 1963 Detroit Walk to Freedom March led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. She added that when teaching Detroit's history, it's important to correct misconceptions about Detroit history.

For example, the record needs to be straight about Black Bottom. Generations who missed the opportunity to know that Black Bottom first-hand sometimes assume it was a down-and-out community, she says.

"It was not a ghetto," said Trustee Pitts. "It was a thriving community."

Hastings Street was a premier entertainment destination, she added, lamenting that the only remnant of the once prosperous Black business district is now a single, abandoned, litter strewn block with a Hastings street sign, located in the shadow of an I-75 exit ramp. It certainly belies the vibrancy of an earlier time, she says.

"Hastings Street was the place for Blacks back then," said Trustee Pitts. "Cab Calloway came, and there was the Paradise Theatre, the Flame Showbar, Garfield Hotel, and other African-American-owned businesses. There were just so many African-American-owned businesses."

Ernest Mitchell: A Keeper of the Detroit Westsiders Flame

Ernest Mitchell is extremely committed to his church, his family and an organization called the Detroit Westsiders. A highly decorated veteran and a noted Tabernacle usher, Bro. Mitchell, 85, loves to reminisce about days growing up in the neighborhood that featured Tabernacle's former sanctuary on Beechwood and Milford.

That large African-American community was called the Old Westside. It was a collection of blocks and neighborhoods that created a community rich in cohesion and in African American institutions.

"The Detroit Westsiders organization is important because it is right to remember our history," said Brother Mitchell, who serves as chaplain of the Detroit Westsiders organization.

The area, he says, was saturated with historic African-American churches such as Tabernacle, Hartford Memorial, St. Stephen AME, and St. Cyprian Episcopal. Bro. Mitchell is always apt to deliver sermon-like stories about the glory days of the Old Westside.

"Oh, we had businesses such as the Nixon Market, Hearn's Fish Market, drug stores," said Bro. Mitchell. "There were baseball players who had played on old Negro League teams. One was Ron Teasley (who would later become a beloved coach at Northwestern High School)."

Bro. Mitchell can also recall the tough times, such as during two riots. He notes that there was the 1943 riot which some say can be traced to incidents or rumors of incidents at Belle Isle. And he recalls the chaos of the 1967 riot, which started on 12th Street (now named Rosa Parks Blvd.)

written by Deacon Danton Wilson



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