

COME HOME TO FAMILY

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We've A Story to Tell!

"We've a story to tell to the nations." These words are the beginning words of a great missionary hymn. They state in poetic fashion the commission our Jesus Christ gave to His church. We have just journeyed through a study that challenged us to be Bible stewards of our time, talent and treasure. I would like to suggest another area of stewardship. This area of stewardship concerns our Christian testimony, the truth, the message of Jesus Christ. "We've a story to tell to the nations," this is really "Hope Worth Giving." You and I have been made the stewards of the gospel story.

It is this gospel that offers real, authentic hope. This gospel is about God putting His love for us out in the open. In spite of our sins and because of our sins, God demonstrated His love for us. The truth of the story is that while we were yet on the wrong side of God, He loved us. He knew we had no way of getting right with Him, except He intervene. And intervene He did!

This intervention was absolutely necessary because sin left us without strength, without the power to correct our situation. Our sin separated us from God,

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Pastor's Schedule

May 6-8, 2015,
7:00 pm

**First Institutional Baptist
Church**
Pastor Ryan P. Johnson
17101 West Seven Mile
Detroit, MI 48235

May 13-15, 2015,
7:00 pm

**Grand Rapids
Baptist Fellowship
City Wide Revival
New Hope MBC**
Pastor Lynn Mitchell
130 Delaware
Grand Rapids, MI

May 19-21, 2015,
7:00 pm

Second Baptist Church
Pastor Kenneth Gavin
600 Donald Adkins Dr.
Benton Harbor, MI



Men's Day Weekend 2015

Friday May 29 ~ Sunday May 31

THE BLUEPRINT FOR MANHOOD

Man must **Love**, Man must **Listen** to and Man must **Lean** on God.

Proverbs 3:5-6

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Men in Worship

May 29, 2015
7:00 pm



Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Wright

Pancake Breakfast

May 30, 2015
9:00 am



Rev. Andre Spivey

Sunday Morning Worship

May 31, 2015
11:00 am



Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, Jr.

Spiritual Gifts Within the Community

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

Lesson Objective: To experience koinonia using spiritual gifts within the church community based on biblical principles with others who share a common life in Jesus Christ.

Scripture: *“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms. (1 Peter 4:10)*

Lesson: Previous lessons have dealt with Koinonia which is translated from the original language as *fellowship with one another* within the body of Christ. This month’s lesson will provide a deeper meaning on Koinonia as *experiential fellowship*. “We are not meant to be passive participants or, to use a business metaphor, silent partners in the partnership of the gospel. Rather God intends for all Christians to be active participants in the body, working partners in the enterprise of the gospel.” God equips us with the Gift of His Holy Spirit to fulfill the work of the church, which is the mandate Jesus gave us; *“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, “teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen [Matthew 28:19-20, NKJV]* Obedience to Jesus’ mandate is an assigned responsibility for every Christian.

Each believer has a unique spiritual gift that the Holy Spirit individually measured out according to God’s sovereign will and design. Spiritual gifts are graciously given and cannot be earned. There are no exceptions to using the gifts; every member has a function within the body that God has assigned him to fulfill. We must use our spiritual gifts to minister to one another, not to exalt ourselves but exemplify loving concern for fellow believers.

FUNCTION IN THE BODY

We as the Church are many members but one unified body. The human body is used as a metaphor for the church throughout Scripture. God assigns work for every believer to fulfill His divine purpose in the body. Therefore, all of the parts are vital in the function of the body of Christ.

“A spiritual gift is an ability given by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit to perform the specific function within the body that God has assigned each of us.” An example would be the way the Holy Spirit

arranges prayer warriors with the gift of prayer as background support to those who are more visible in missionary or ministerial work with the gifts to evangelize, preach, or disciple. The apostle Paul often used the analogy of the body in his letters to the churches to emphasize the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives. He states:

For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them...” [Romans 12:4-6 NKJV]

SHARING OUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

We are to use our Spiritual Gifts to minister and encourage one another. Our gifts which were so graciously given to us were not for self- edification but are to strengthen and edify the entire body of Christ. When we serve as good stewards, we share in experiential fellowship or working partnership with one another as we use our spiritual gifts. . “The fellowship with spiritual gifts is for the benefit of the rest of the body and for the advancement of the kingdom of God.”

A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person to produce what is beneficial. [1 Corinthians 12:7, NLT]

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms. [1 Peter 4:10]

Sharing spiritual gifts requires an understanding of God’s principle for fellowship with other Christians. Koinonia is concerned with community and fellowship within the body of Christ where we share the life we have in common in Christ. Spiritual gifts are God given graces for serving others. When spiritual gifts are used for fame, personal fulfillment and recognition, they are abused or wrongly applied. Paul challenges believers to consider their use of spiritual gifts with caution.

Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don’t think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us. [Romans 12:3 NLT]

(See the Website for the Complete Version of this Article complete with reference citations.)

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because a Holy God will not allow sin to exist in His presence. It would have been a violation of His person to simply overlook our sins. His Holiness required remedy for the offense. This speaks to the Justice of God. Today we often like to lift up and highlight only one attribute of God, we prefer to present Him solely as the God of love. God is love, but He is so much more. Among the many attributes of God is His Holiness and His Justice. We must never select our favorite divine attribute and present God as only a God of that trait. God is always all of who He is. Any other image of God is idolatry. God's love for us, did not cancel the moral requirements needed to satisfy His Holiness and Justice. Mankind had sinned against God. Mankind had rebelled against God's rightful authority of mankind. God had already gone on record declaring that the man, woman, boy, or girl that sins, that refuses His rightful authority over their life, would die! But God loved mankind! However, His Holiness had been offended and Justice demanded mankind's death. The debt had to be paid. Mankind was morally bankrupt and had nothing worthy to offer as payment. But God loved mankind! In order not to violate His own person, He paid our debt. Paul puts it like this: *"Christ arrives right on time to make this happen. He didn't, and doesn't, wait for us to get ready. He presented himself for this sacrificial death when we were far too weak and rebellious to do anything to get ourselves ready. And even if we hadn't been so weak, we wouldn't have known what to do anyway. We can understand someone dying for a person worth dying for, and we can understand how someone good and noble could inspire us to selfless sacrifice. But God put his love on the line for us by offering his Son in sacrificial death while we were of no use whatever to him."* (Romans 5:6-8, *The Message*)

Because you and I have placed our confidence in God's demonstrated love for us, the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ, that has made us right with God, "we've a story to tell to the nations." The remedy for mankind's dilemma is the Hope that is found exclusively in Jesus Christ. The remedy for the plight of our communities is the gospel of Jesus

Christ. The remedy for our dysfunctional society and families is the soul-saving message of Jesus Christ. If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, you have a story to tell. You and I must obey the commission given to us by our risen Savior. This is what Jesus said: *"When Jesus came near, He spoke to them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. So wherever you go, make disciples of all nations: Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to do everything I have commanded you. "And remember that I am always with you until the end of time.""* (Matthew 28:18-20, *GW*)

The hymn writer H. Ernest Nichol gives us these words:

We've a story to tell to the nations that shall turn their hearts to the right, a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light.

We've a song to be sung to the nations that shall lift their hearts to the Lord; a song that shall conquer evil and shatter the spear and sword, and shatter the spear and sword.

We've a message to give to the nations—that the Lord who reigneth above hath sent us His Son to save us and show us that God is love, and show us that God is love.

We've a Savior to show to the nations who the path of sorrow hath trod, that all of the world's great peoples might come to the truth of God, might come to the truth of God.

Chorus:

For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noon-day bright, and Christ's great kingdom shall come to earth, the kingdom of love and light.

"A story to tell. A song to be sung. A message to give. A Savior to show."

"We've a Story to Tell!"

Important Announcements

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Opening Worship Celebration at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church!

June 21, 2015, 7:00 pm

Join Baptists from all over our Nation as we come together in worship prior to the beginning of the National Congress Week.

Deadline to participate in Graduation Sunday

May 17, 2015

Graduation forms and photos will be accepted through May 17, 2015 in the Church office or by email kelyse@tmbcdetroit.org. In order to be included in the Tab yearbook, photos must be sent to Dr. Elyse by May 17, 2015. Graduation Sunday is June 14, 2015. Come celebrate with our graduating families.

Join the Group #15, the Good Effort Ministry, on a Bus Trip "Walk through the Bible"

August 15, 2015

See any member of Group #15 for more information. Reservations are due no later than July 25, 2015.

Usher Ministry Prayer Breakfast (OPEN TO ALL)

June 6, 2015, 11:00 am

The Usher Ministry would like to invite the Tabernacle family to join them in prayer and fellowship at the annual Usher Ministry Prayer Breakfast. See any usher to reserve your space today.

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National Baptist Congress At-A-Glance

****Save the Date - Below At Cobo Conference Center Unless Noted****

**Opening Worship Service
at Tabernacle MBC**
June 21, 2015, 7:00 pm

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

Opening Musical
June 23, 2015, 7:00 pm

**Pastor Johnson Preaching at
Night Worship Service**
June 23, 2015, 10:00 pm

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

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

Commencement
June 26, 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

TMBC Monthly Meetings

Sunday – May 3, 2015 8:15 Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson) 9:30 Sunday Church School 11:00 Morning Worship (Lord's Supper, 1st Sundays) 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– May 10 8:15 Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson) 9:30 Sunday Church School 11:00 Morning Worship (Baptism, 2nd Sundays) 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 – May 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) 6:00 Monday Night Bible Class (Mondays, Room 2156)	Monday – May 11 10:00 AARP Chapter 4803 (Morris Room) 4:30 Prayer Partners (Quiet Room) 6:00 Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting (Mondays, Room 2152) 6:00 Monday Night Bible Class (Mondays, Room 2156)
Tuesday – May 5 9:15 Staff Meeting 10:00 AARP Chapter 4803 (2nd Monday/1st Tuesday, Morris) 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)	Tuesday – May 12 9:15 Staff Meeting 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)
Wednesday – May 6 12:00 Noon Bible Study (Wednesdays, Morris) 6:00 Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Room 2156) 7:00 Prayer & Praise Service (Wednesdays, Chapel)	Wednesday – May 13 12:00 Noon Bible Study (Wednesdays, Morris) 6:00 Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Room 2156) 7:00 Prayer & Praise Service (Wednesdays, Chapel)
Thursday – May 7 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 – May 14 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 – May 8 6:00 Friday Night Bible Class (Fridays, Room 2156)	Friday – May 15 6:00 Friday Night Bible Class (Fridays, Room 2156)
Saturday – May 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) 1:00 Usher Instruction (usually Saturday before 1st Sunday, Usher Board Room) 2:00 Usher General Meeting (usually Saturday before 1st Sunday, Usher Board Room) 2:00 Blessed Hearts Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room) 2:30 Women & Girls' Choir Rehearsal (Saturdays, Chapel)	Saturday – May 16 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 – May 17	
8:15	Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson)
9:30	Sunday Church School
11:00	Morning Worship (Baby Dedication, 3rd Sundays)
11:00	Children's Ministry (1st & 3rd Sundays, Morris)
1:30	Cherub Choir Rehearsal (1st & 3rd Sundays, Choir Room)
1:30	Group #1 (3rd Sundays, Chapel)
1:30	Group #10/21 (3rd Sundays, Room 2173)
1:30	Group #12 (3rd Sundays, Wilcoxson)
1:30	Group #18 (3rd Sundays, Story)
1:30	Group #25 (3rd Sundays, Room 2176/2179)
1:30	Group #29 (3rd Sundays, Room 2161)
1:30	Group #4 (3rd Sundays, Room 2165)
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)
Monday – May 18	
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)
6:00	Monday Night Bible Class (Mondays, Room 2156) 6:30 Sunday School Worker's Conference (Monday after 3rd Sunday, Wilcoxson/Story Room)
Tuesday – May 19	
9:15	Staff Meeting
6:00	Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)
Wednesday – May 20	
12:00	Noon Bible Study (Wednesdays, Morris)
6:00	Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Room 2156)
7:00	Prayer & Praise Service (Wednesdays, Chapel)
Thursday – May 21	
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 – May 22	
6:00	Friday Night Bible Class (Fridays, Room 2156)
Saturday – May 23	
9:00	Super Saturday (Saturday before 4th Sunday) Men & Boys' (Morris Room) Women & Girls' (Wilcoxson/Story)
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 – May 24	
8:15	Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson)
9:30	Sunday Church School
11:00	Morning Worship
1:30	Group #19/26/28 (4th Sundays, Wilcoxson)
1:30	Group #24 (4th Sundays, Morris)
1:30	Group #6/23 (4th Sundays, Room 2151)
1:30	Health Ministry (4th Sunday, Usher Board Room)
6:00	Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)
Monday – May 25	
4:30	Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room)
6:00	Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting (Mondays, Room 2152)
6:00	Monday Night Bible Class (Mondays, Room 2156)
Tuesday – May 26	
9:15	Staff Meeting
6:00	Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)
Wednesday – May 27	
12:00	Noon Bible Study (Wednesdays, Morris)
6:00	Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Room 2156)
7:00	Prayer & Praise Service (Wednesdays, Chapel)
Thursday – May 28	
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 – May 29	
6:00	Friday Night Bible Class (Fridays, Room 2156)
Saturday – May 30	
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)

Monthly Meetings (cont.)

Sunday – May 31	
8:15	Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson)
9:30	Sunday Church School
11:00	Morning Worship
6:00	Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)
Monday – June 1	
4:30	Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room)
6:00	Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting (Mondays, Room 2152)
6:00	Monday Night Bible Class (Mondays, Room 2156)
Tuesday – June 2	
9:15	Staff Meeting
6:00	Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)
Wednesday – June 3	
12:00	Noon Bible Study (Wednesdays, Morris)
6:00	Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Room 2156)
7:00	Prayer & Praise Service (Wednesdays, Chapel)
Thursday – June 4	
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 – June 5	
6:00	Friday Night Bible Class (Fridays, Room 2156)
Saturday – June 6	
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)
1:00	Usher Instruction (Saturday before 1st Sunday, Usher Board Room)
2:00	Usher General Meeting (Saturday before 1st Sunday, Usher Board Room)
2:00	Blessed Hearts Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room)
2:30	Women & Girls' Choir Rehearsal (Saturdays, Chapel)

Weekly Bible Studies

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

Noon Bible Class (Morris Room)

6:00 pm 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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Roller Skating Fellowship

June 14, 2015, 4:30-6:30 pm

The Faith, Hope, & Love Optimist Club is hosting a roller skating fellowship at Northland Roller Rink located at 22311 W 8 Mile Rd, Detroit, MI. Children and families welcome. See any member of the FH&L Optimist Club for tickets.

Check Out the Tabernacle Bookstore

The Bookstore is open every Sunday after worship service. Stop in and take a look.

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

Weekly Sunday School Lessons

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

Lesson 11

May 10, 2015

Devotional Reading:	Romans 12:1-8
Background Scripture:	1 Corinthians 12:1
Print Passage:	1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Key Verse:	1 Corinthians 12:7
4 Not Exalted over Other Members	Deuteronomy 17:14-20
5 God's Gifts and Calling Are Irrevocable	Romans 11:25-32
6 God Distributed Gifts of the Spirit	Hebrews 2:1-9
7 Grace Gifts Given to Us	Romans 12:1-8
8 Understanding the Gifts God Bestows	1 Corinthians 2:11-16
9 Gifts that Build up the Church	1 Corinthians 14:1-5
10 One Spirit, a Variety of Gifts	1 Corinthians 12:1-11

THE SPIRIT CREATES ONE BODY

Lesson 12

May 17, 2015

Devotional Reading:	Galatians 3:23-29
Background Scripture:	1 Corinthians 12:12-31
Print Passage:	1 Corinthians 12:14-31
Key Verse:	1 Corinthians 12:13
11 Speaking with One Voice	Exodus 19:1-8
12 We Will Be Obedient	Exodus 24:1-7
13 Sincere and Pure Devotion	2 Corinthians 11:1-5
14 Living in Harmony	Romans 15:1-7
15 One Spirit, One Mind	Philippians 1:21-30
16 One in Christ Jesus	Galatians 3:23-29
17 Many Members, One Body	1 Corinthians 12:14-31

THE GIFT OF LANGUAGES

Lesson 13

May 24, 2015

Devotional Reading:	Deuteronomy 4:32-40
Background Scripture:	Acts 2:1-21; 1 Corinthians 14:1-25
Print Passage:	Acts 2:1-7, 12; 1 Corinthians 14:13-19
Key Verse:	1 Corinthians 14:15
18 Made You Hear God's Voice	Deuteronomy 4:32-40
19 A Small Member, Great Boasting	James 3:1-5
20 All Languages, One Loud Voice	Revelation 7:9-12
21 We Hear in Our Own Languages	Acts 2:8-13
22 They Shall Prophesy	Acts 2:14-21
23 Excel in Your Gifts	1 Corinthians 14:6-12
24 Building Up Others	Acts 2:1-7, 12; 1 Corinthians 14:13-19

THE GREATEST GIFT IS LOVE

Lesson 14

May 31, 2015

Devotional Reading:	Ephesians 3:14-21
Background Scripture:	1 Corinthians 13
Print Passage:	1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Key Verse:	1 Corinthians 13:13
25 Love and the Knowledge of God	Hosea 6:1-6
26 Abounding in Steadfast Love	Jonah 3:10-4:11
27 Guided by the Spirit	Galatians 5:19-26
28 Increasing Love for One Another	2 Thessalonians 1:1-5
29 Love and Steadfastness	2 Thessalonians 3:1-5
30 Filled with the Fullness of God	Ephesians 3:14-21
31 Love Never Ends	1 Corinthians 13

JUDGMENT ON ISRAEL AND JUDAH

Lesson 1

June 7, 2015

Devotional Reading:	Psalm 75
Background Scripture:	Amos 2:4-16
Print Passage:	Amos 2:4-8
Key Verse:	Amos 2:4
1 I Will Judge with Equity	Psalm 75
2 I Will press you Down	Amos 2:9-16
3 I Will Punish Your Iniquities	Amos 3:1-8
4 I Will Punish Your Transgressions	Amos 3:9-15
5 Judgment Is Surely Coming?	Amos 4:1-6
6 You Did Not Return to Me	Amos 4:7-13
7 I Will Not Revoke Punishment	Amos 2:4-8

Reading Through the Bible in a Year

MAY

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

JUNE

1 2 Chronicles 4,5,6	John 12:20-50
2 2 Chronicles 7,8,9	John 13:1-17
3 2 Chronicles 10,11,12	John 13:18-38
4 2 Chronicles 13,14,15,16	John 14
5 2 Chronicles 17,18,19	John 15
6 2 Chronicles 20,21,22	John 16:1-15

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.

May 3, 2015

In Loving Memory of

**Gabie L. Lockett, Emma E. Pollard, Lynn S. Pollard,
John T. Edwards, Brent W. Berry**

Forever in Our Hearts
Placed there by Doris Berry, Yvonne Gillespie & Family

May 10, 2015

101 Years Young To God Be the Glory

Mrs. Eugenia B. Hamlin

Placed there by Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren,
Nephews, & Niece

May 31, 2015

In honor of the rich tradition of men at

Tab Past, Present, and Future

Placed by the Men & Boys Ministry

Sermon Topics

(all sermons by Pastor Johnson unless otherwise noted)

April 5

The Resurrection Proves It All

Acts 10:37-43

April 12

Worship Discoveries

Isaiah 6:1-8

April 19

They Are Still Talking

Luke 24:13-32

Rev. Johnnie Green, II

April 26

Coming Clean with God

1 John 1:8-10

Rev. Dr. William Thompson

Prayer & Praise Service

May 6

Group #1

May 13

Group #2/16

May 20

Group #19/26/28

May 27

Group #7

Fellowship Hour

May 3 / June 7

Fellowship Experienced through
Observance of the Lord's Supper

May 10

Mother's Day

Fellowship Experienced through Family

May 17

Group #2/16

May 24

Group #10, #21, & Youth Ministry

May 31 - Men's Day

Group #6/23

Sick and Shut-In

BENTLEY, Bro. Christopher
BERRY, Deaconess Rudelle
BERYL-BANKS, Sis. Cynthia
BLAIR, Bro. Joseph
BRADLEY, Bro. James
BRUNSON, Bro. Todd
BRYANT, Sis. Mattie
BURKE, Bro. Louis
BUSCH, Bro. Leon
BYAS, Sis. Flora
CALLOWAY, Sis. Autry B.
COLLINS, Sis. Ruth
DAVIS, Bro. Audtry
DENT, Bro. Riley
FERGUSON, Sis. Mary
GALTNEY, Sis. Maxine
GEORGE, Deacon John
GILCHRIST, Sis. Doris
GRADY, Sis. Marion
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
JACKSON, Bro. James
JOHNSON, Sis. Audrey
JOHNSON, Sis. Lois
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
MILLENER, Bro. Michael
NEAL, Sis. Lois
RANDALL, Sis. Jessie
ROBERTS, Sis. Mildred
SMITH, Sis. Chanel
STEWART, Sis. Sharon
THOMAS, Sis. Margaret
TYLER, Bro. Eddie
WARREN, Bro. Bruce
WARREN, Sis. Thelma
WHITE, Sis. Thelma
WILLIAMS, Sis. Gola
WINDOM, Sis. Eddie Maye

Condolences

Bro. Yves Desriveau for the loss of his mother
Sis. Rose Desriveau
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Trustee Stephen & Rev. Dr. Harriette Smiley for  
the loss of her uncle, Sgt. Cleveland Watts  
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Sis. Hattie Miller-Riley for the loss of her
brother, Bro. Hobie N. Miller
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Sis. Doris Stanley for the loss of her brother,  
Bro. Willie Ellis  
~~~~  
Deacon Daryl & Deaconess Pearl Thomas for
the loss of her brother, James Earl Kennedy
~~~~  
Bro. Carl Brooks for the loss of his friend,  
Bro. Larry H. Greene  
and for the loss of his great nephew,  
Bro. Christian Brooks  
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Sis. Doris Wright for the loss of her brother,
Bro. James Allen May
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Bro. Will Ulmer for the loss of his sister,  
Sis. Evelyn Lois Mustafaa  
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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

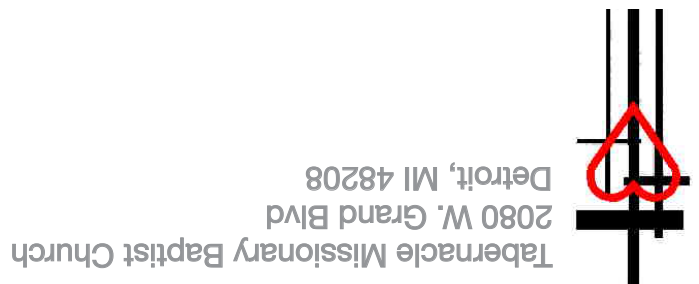
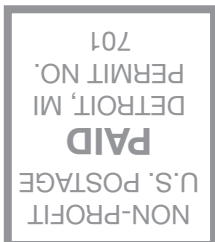
Celebration of Holy Communion • Every 1st Sunday (11:00 am)

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)

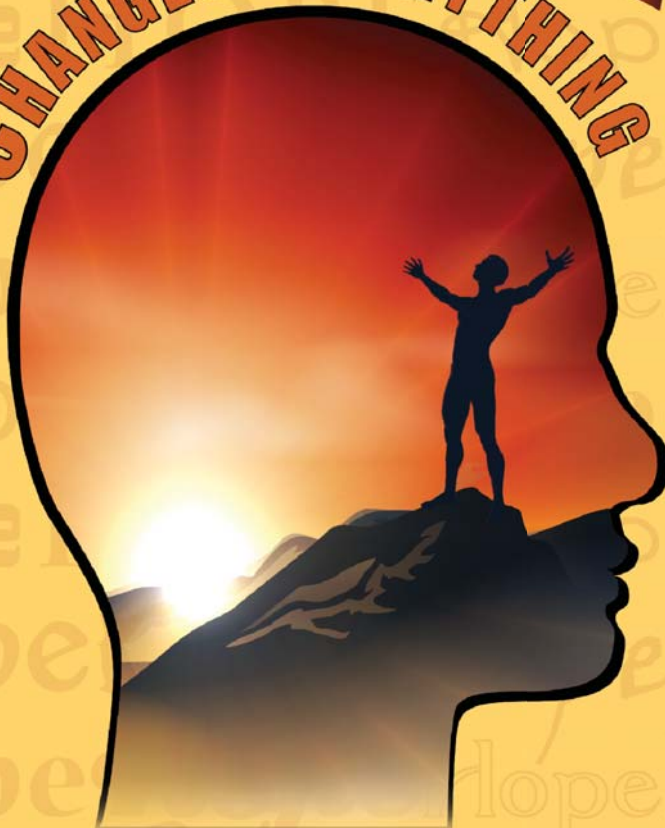


2015 Claiming Our Jerusalem

1 Peter 1:3

HOPE

CHANGES EVERYTHING



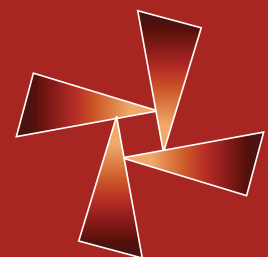
HERE'S WHAT TO EXPECT

When: May 23, 2015
Where: The corner of Montgomery and Wildemere
(across from Whitlow's Barbershop)

Good News:	9:00 am	Setup
	10:00 am	Assembly/Continental Breakfast
	10:30 am	Devotion
	11:00 am	Street Witnessing
	12:30 pm	Re-assemble
	1:00 pm	Program

Good Deeds: TBD

It has been said, "When the world says, give up, hope whispers, try it one more time." There is something noteworthy about persevering for the greater good, particularly, when hope is also viewed as a confident expectation for current and future circumstances. Yet, the ever present entanglement of hopelessness awaits those who are unable to perceive anything beyond today. What is your hope for community engagement regarding areas surrounding TAB? Does a future hope of relationship with the community exist in your mind? Does your heart yearn to see more souls enter the Kingdom? Are you genuinely concerned about the plight of people in the City of Detroit and beyond? Come, let us encourage the struggling and evangelize the sinner and simply connect with our neighbors during Claiming Our Jerusalem Outreach 2015. Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. Hope Changes Everything!



EVANGELISM IS ABOUT LISTENING

Listen now to my voice; I will give you counsel, and God will be with you.

Exodus 18:19

Many people are longing to find someone who will listen to their problems. If you want to be an effective evangelist it is essential that you develop the art of effective listening. Jesus knew the best ways to minister to people by listening. Luke 24:17-24:20 There are a number of tools that help you develop your listening skills.

1. STOP TALKING

Don't talk, listen. When somebody else is talking listen to what they are saying, do not interrupt, talk over them or finish their sentences for them. Stop, just listen. When the other person has finished talking you may need to clarify to ensure you have received their message accurately.

2. PREPARE YOURSELF TO LISTEN

Pray "God I pray for wisdom as I listen, I pray for an opportunity out of this time to share you with them." Focus on the speaker. Put other things out of your mind. Don't get stuck on your "script" - try to put other thoughts out of your mind and concentrate on the messages that are being communicated.

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak... Colossians 4:2-6

3. PUT THE PERSON AT EASE

Help the person to feel free to speak. Remember their needs and concerns. Nod or use other gestures or words to encourage them to continue. Maintain eye contact but don't stare - show you are listening and understanding what is being said.

4. BE PATIENT

- a. When you share Christ you need to pause and listen to the other person's thoughts and concerns? Evangelism needs to be less about telling and more about listening: think conversation not proclamation.
- b. A pause, even a long pause, does not necessarily mean that the person has finished. Be patient and let the person continue in their own time, sometimes it takes time to formulate what to say and how to say it. Never interrupt or finish a sentence for someone.

5. AVOID PERSONAL PREJUDICE

Try to be impartial. Don't become irritated and don't let the person's habits or mannerisms distract you from what they are really saying. Everybody has a different way of speaking. Focus on what is being said not the manner in which it is said.

6. LISTEN FOR IDEAS – NOT JUST WORDS

You need to get the whole picture, not just isolated bits and pieces. Maybe one of the most difficult aspects of listening is the ability to link together pieces of information to reveal the ideas of others. With proper concentration, letting go of distractions, and focus this becomes easier.

7. EMPATHY

Listen from the heart. Empathy for the individual speaking is another critical factor in developing effective listening skills. If you listen with your heart and not your head, you will listen more clearly, because you won't be thinking about yourself.

8. WAIT AND WATCH FOR NON-VERBAL COMMUNICATION

Gestures, facial expressions, and eye-movements can all be important. We don't just listen with our ears but also with our eyes – watch and pick up the additional information being transmitted via non-verbal communication. Non-verbal communications include facial expressions, the tone and pitch of the voice, gestures displayed through body language and the physical distance between the communicators. These non-verbal signals can give clues and additional information and meaning over and above spoken (verbal) communication

- a. A good listener will listen not only to what is being said, but also to what is left unsaid or only partially said.
- b. Effective listening involves observing body language and noticing inconsistencies between verbal and non-verbal messages. For example, if someone tells you that they are happy with their life but through gritted teeth or with tears filling their eyes, you should consider that the verbal and non-verbal messages are in conflict, they maybe don't mean what they say.

Listen and pay attention. Evangelism isn't just waiting for an opportunity to speak, it needs to be a real conversation and exchange of ideas. When you ask a question like, "Are you happy in your life?" or "Do you ever feel as if you're missing out on something?" Really listen to the answer someone gives. Aside from giving them the feeling that they have a willing listener, you need to pay attention to what they're saying to learn to respond accurately and convincingly.

Evangelism needs to be less about telling and more about listening: think conversation not proclamation. You don't always have to give your two cents. Sometimes you can just listen. Sometimes that's all a person needs. So listen. To the whole thing. Without interruption. Without judgment.

You cannot connect the gospel to someone's needs and desires if you don't know what they are. Listening closely will help you to gauge the person's interest and open them up even more.

Effective listening starts with you. To become an effective listener, open your ears, shut your mouth, and open your heart. Once you start truly listening to what people are saying vs. simply hearing them, you will become a more effective evangelist.

Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person. Colossians 4:2-6

Memories

