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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)

COME HOME TO FAMILY

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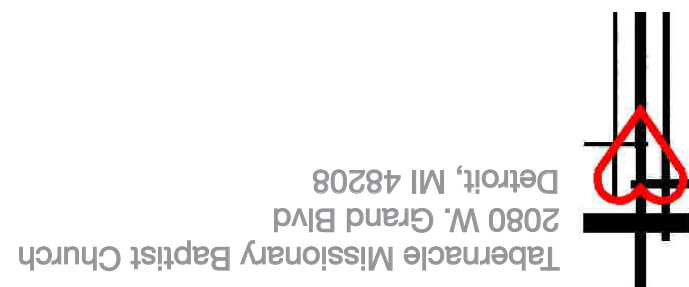


Hitherto Hath the Lord Helped Us!

As we approach our 95th church anniversary, we cannot help but to admit that "hitherto hath the Lord helped us." This phrase is from 1 Samuel 7:12. God has just given Israel victory over the Philistines. Samuel set up a stone to commemorate the victory. He called this stone Ebenezer which means stone of help. He was making sure that the Israelites knew how they won the victory. We too must set up our Ebenezer. We must admit that we have come this far by the Lord's help. It was by the Lord's help that a small band of believers from Cordele, Georgia organized a church in Detroit and called it Tabernacle. God has helped Tabernacle from the very beginning. God was there during the days of the great depression. While businesses closed throughout the country, God kept Tabernacle alive. God gave Tabernacle people who were determined to build a church for His glory. Nothing but

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

Come Home to Family is a monthly publication created to inform and encourage Tabernacle friends and family. Material must be submitted before the 15th of the month preceding each issue.

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Pastor's Schedule

November 9, 2015, 7:00 pm

Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church
1725 Caniff
Hamtramck, MI 48212
Rev. Wayne Little, Pastor

WANTED: AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST

Once we accept Christ as our savior we become new creatures. We are no longer under our own control, but as children of God we come under God's authority. For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again.

Therefore, since we are the new creation and the old has gone, it is because of the perfect will of God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. God is reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, His representatives here on earth. God is making His appeal through us. It is critical that we be reconciled to God. God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

As God's ambassadors we are to be about advancing His interest here on earth by helping Him to reconcile the world to Himself. The only qualification is that you must have the want-to and a changed heart. Once you accept the ambassadorship, you must diligently consult the owners manual (the Bible) in carrying out your responsibilities. Welcome Aboard!

Sick and Shut-In

AYOLA, Sis. Patricia

BENTLEY, Sis. Elois

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Christopher

BERRY, Deaconess
Rudelle

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Sis. Cynthia

BRADLEY, Bro. James

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BRYANT, Sis. Mattie

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HAWKES, Bro. Earnest

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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

JOHNSON, Sis. Verdell

JONES, Sis. Helen

JONES, Sis. Jennie

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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

SINGLETON, Sis. Martel

SMITH, Sis. Chanel

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WARREN, Bro. Bruce

WARREN, Sis. Thelma

WHITE, Sis. Thelma

WILLIAMS, Sis. Gola

WINDOM,
Sis. Eddie June

Condolences

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Sis. Latonya Hudson for the loss of her  
grandfather, Bro. Odie Thurman

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Sis. Earnestine Peete & Sis. Annie Byrd for the
loss of their brother, Rev. Eugene Richmond

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Bro. Jamie Ross for the loss of his mother,  
Sis. Cartreen Ross

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Bro. John Hill & Sis. Joyce Phillips for the loss
of his son and her cousin, Bro. John Hill, Jr.

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Sis. Alice Hines for the loss of her son,  
Bro. Darryl Jones

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Bro. James Jackson for the loss of his aunt,
Sis. Ruby Sikes

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Rev. Johnnie and Sis. Kathi Green for the loss  
of her father, Bro. James Calvin Riggins

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Bro. Jamie Ross for the loss of his mother,
Sis. Diane Ross

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Sis. Cynthia Carter for the loss of her cousin,  
Sis. Alma Jackson

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Min. Jennifer Ellison for the loss of her mother,
Sis. Mildred Ellison

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Sis. Audrey McGresham & Sis. Arelia Chandler  
for the loss of their cousin, Bro. Robert Barber

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Sis. Michele Douglas for the loss of her mother,
Sis. Lois Mae Douglas

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Trustee Kay Lanier Jones & Sis. Joan Lanier for  
the loss of their nephew, Bro. Ralph Tiptom

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Mr. Eugene Bartell Jr. for the loss of his father,
Bro. Eugene Bartell Sr.

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Sis. Sharon Ruff-Fuggett for the loss of her  
brother, Bro. Joseph Michael Hamilton

# Flowers Enhancing the Beauty of the Sanctuary

## November 1, 2015

In Loving Memory of

**Willie C. Sykes, Jr. (November 7, 2007)**

Placed by his wife, Isabelle Sykes, sons, and grandchildren

## November 8, 2015

In Loving Memory of

**Aubrey Sr., Adella, Larry, and Delvance McCutcheon**

Placed by the surviving family members

## November 22, 2015

In Loving Memory of

**Deacon Robert & Deaconess Katie Files**

Placed by their children, June & Charlie Rembert, and grandchildren

## November 29, 2015

In Loving Memory of **“Mother Nash,” Pearl Nash Adams**

Honoring Our Dad, **Trustee Rudolph Nash**, 85 years young  
Happy Birthday

Placed by Pat, Pam, Sherri

# Sermon Topics

(all sermons by Pastor Johnson unless otherwise noted)

**October 4**  
**Pray and Don't Give Up**  
Luke 18:1-8

**October 11**  
**Put It in God's Hands**  
Philippians 4:6-7

**October 18**  
**Trust and Never Doubt**  
Matthew 14:22-33  
Rev. Dr. William Mebane

**October 25**  
**The Challenge of Delay**  
Isaiah 40:27-31

# Fellowship Hour

**November 1 / December 6**  
Fellowship Experienced through  
Observance of the Lord's Supper

**November 8**  
Church Anniversary

**November 15**  
Trustee's Ministry

**November 22**  
Children's Ministry

**November 29**  
THANKSGIVING BREAK

# Led to Receive the Lord Jesus

## Scripture:

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God (Romans 8:14).

## Goal:

To embrace and fulfill our covenant relationship with God and one another.

## Objective:

To understand what it means to receive the Lord Jesus Christ and to be led by the Spirit of God as a community of believers.

## Introduction:

As we expound upon this first part of our church covenant, we find that God initiates a special relationship to those who respond to His call. Through the movement of the Holy Spirit our spiritual eyes are opened to the truth of God's existence. We also come into an understanding of our sinful state and the gift of salvation that God offers through Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit moves upon the heart and conscience of all believers and graciously leads them to repentance and faith. The Holy Spirit seals every believer until the day of redemption. (Eph. 4: 30). It is God's Holy Spirit, residing within us, that also binds our hearts together in Christian love and fellowship. Our covenant with God and each other becomes effective through the Holy Spirit.

The common ground on which we stand as members of the covenant community is that we were led by the Spirit to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior. "Erosion of this ground leaves us with no place to stand, for all other ground is sinking sand." For we were delivered

from the power of darkness and conveyed into the kingdom of the Son. (Col. 1:13). Led by the Spirit, we entered into the kingdom of God and into a new life, eternal life in Christ Jesus. How does being 'led by the Spirit reveal God's Holy Will for the Body of Christ—the covenant community? We will examine four powerful ways in which God shapes the church when we actively embrace what it means to receive the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Being led by the Spirit:

### RECEIVING THE GIFT OF FAITH

We are reminded that even the faith we have exercised to receive the Lord Jesus Christ was a gift of God. Ephesians 2:8 tells us that we are saved by grace through faith and that not of ourselves; it is the gift of God. Faith is a gift of God; it is the means by which we grasp the truth. "A lack of trust in the leading of the Holy Spirit cripples our walk with God and our fellowship with others. This trust concerns mysteries we cannot reach with our reason and cannot bring down to our terms". Through faith, we realize the truth about God, Jesus Christ and ourselves. We have come to the knowledge that we were utterly lost in our sin and alienated from God. We understand that because of God's grace and love we have been restored into relationship with Him. What precious gifts we have because of our faith in Jesus. We are redeemed from the penalty of sin, have peace with God, and have joy because of our hope in Christ. We can live victorious lives guided by His Holy Spirit.

# The Church in Fellowship, Study, & Prayer

**The Church in Fellowship**  
5:30 pm

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November 4

Monday & Thursday Night Bible Study

November 11
Evangelism Ministry

November 18
Silent Ministry

November 25
THANKSGIVING BREAK

The Church in Study
6:30 pm

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Highlighted Dates

**November 18**  
General Assembly in Sanctuary  
Pastor Nathan Johnson, Teaching

**November 25**  
THANKSGIVING BREAK

**The Church in Prayer**  
7:30 pm

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November 4

Focus on God

November 11
Hearing God's heart and
Seeing His perspective

November 18
Connecting with God

November 25
THANKSGIVING BREAK

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the presence of God could allow a small group of struggling migrants from the South to accomplish what these people accomplished.

God has helped Tabernacle through the times of World and foreign wars. Nobody but God stood by Tabernacle during the days of racial oppression and segregation, keeping her and making her a strong presence during the civil rights movement. God has helped Tabernacle! When the city of Detroit exploded with violence in the late sixties, God used this church to bring hope to many. It was God who helped Tabernacle by sending strong prolific pastors who preached and taught the Word of God which caused the congregation to grow both spiritually and numerically.

The only true constant in the history of this great church is God. It is impossible to name a time when God has not been our "stone of help." God has been there for Tabernacle in times of joy and in times of sorrow. God has been there for Tabernacle ease and times of challenge. God has been there for Tabernacle in times of plenty and times of scarcity.

The hitherto causes us to look back and say "down through the years God's been good to us." But the word hitherto causes us also to look forward. Hitherto suggests that the journey is not over. The stone of Ebenezer gives us hope for our tomorrows. We have hope because our stone of Ebenezer is God. The God who never changes in his character or ability. The God who keeps His Word and is faithful.

This 95th year of existence as a church gives us opportunity to set up a stone, our Ebenezer. It is an opportunity to look back and praise God for his

faithfulness. It is also an opportunity to look forward with confidence because God will continue to be God. The great hymn writer Isaac Watts shares the same sentiment in words of following hymn.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne still may we dwell secure; sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood or earth received her frame, from everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all its sons away; they fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be Thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Shalom!

Pastor Nathan Johnson, D.D., Senior Pastor

Weekly Sunday School Lessons

GOD MAKES NO DISTINCTION

Lesson 10

November 8, 2015

Devotional Reading:	Revelation 21:1-5
Background Scripture:	Acts 15:1-35
Print Passage:	Acts 15:1-12
Key Verse:	Acts 15:8-9
2 Thanking God	Romans 1:8-15
3 The Forgiving God	Nehemiah 9:6-21
4 Abundant Grace	Romans 16:25-27
5 Accessible God	Hebrews 4:12-16
6 God is Making All Things New	Revelation 21:1-5
7 Grace for Gentiles	Galatians 3:6-14
8 God Makes No Distinction	Acts 15:1-12

FROM DERBE TO PHILIPPI

Lesson 11

November 15, 2015

Devotional Reading:	Matthew 8:1-17
Background Scripture:	Acts 16:1-15
Print Passage:	Acts 16:1-5,8-15
Key Verse:	Acts 16:10
9 The Way We Should Go	Jeremiah 26:1-6
10 Boundless Riches of Christ	Ephesians 3:7-12
11 Generosity of God	Ezekiel 36:22-30
12 The Cost of Following	Matthew 8:18-22
13 Paul and Silas in Prison	Acts 16:16-24
14 Paul and Silas Escape	Acts 16:25-40
15 From Derbe to Philippi	Acts 16:1-5,8-15

THESSALONICA, BEREIA, AND ATHENS

Lesson 12

November 22, 2015

Devotional Reading:	Psalm 47
Background Scripture:	Acts 17:1-32
Print Passage:	Acts 17:1-4, 10-12, 22-25, 28
Key Verse:	Acts 17:23
16 Creator God	Deuteronomy 32:1-12
17 Promises of God for All	Genesis 9:8-17
18 Blessing of God for All	Genesis 12:1-4
19 Majesty of God	Psalm 8
20 Goodness of God	Psalm 33:13-22
21 Reign of God	Psalm 47
22 Thessalonica, Berea, and Athens	Acts 17:1-4,10-12,22-25,28

TEACHING GOD'S WORD

Lesson 13

November 29, 2015

Devotional Reading:	Matthew 28:16-20
Background Scripture:	Acts 18
Print Passage:	Acts 18:1-11,18-21a
Key Verse:	Acts 18:9-10
23 Learning from God	Psalm 25:8-12,20-21
24 Living with God	Psalm 27:4-5,8-9,11-14
25 Wisdom from God	Proverbs 16:19-24
26 Commissioned to Teach	Matthew 28;16-20
27 Teach Me Your Ways	Exodus 33:12-18
28 Apollos Grows in Ministry	Acts 18:24-28
29 Teaching God's Word	Acts 18:1-11,18-21a

THE LORD'S DAY

Lesson 1

December 6, 2015

Devotional Reading:	Hebrews 4:1-11
Background Scripture:	Exodus 16:23,20:8-11;31:12-18;Leviticus 23:3-8
Print Passage:	Exodus 20:8-11;31:12-16
Key Verse:	Exodus 20:8
30 It Is Good	Genesis 1:28-2:3
1 Day of Atonement	Leviticus 16:29-34
2 Silence before God	Psalm 62:1-2,5-9
3 Promised Rest	Hebrews 4:1-11
4 Eternal Rest	Revelation 14:12-13;21:1-5
5 Work then Rest	Exodus 16:22-26
6 The Lord's Day	Exodus 20:8-11;31:12-16

Reading Through the Bible in a Year

November

1 Jeremiah 31,32	Titus 2
2 Jeremiah 33,34,35	Titus 3
3 Jeremiah 36,37	Philemon
4 Jeremiah 38,39	Hebrews 1
5 Jeremiah 40,41,42	Hebrews 2
6 Jeremiah 43,44,45	Hebrews 3
7 Jeremiah 46,47,48	Hebrews 4
8 Jeremiah 49,50	Hebrews 5
9 Jeremiah 51,52	Hebrews 6
10 Lamentations 1,2	Hebrews 7
11 Lamentations 3,4,5	Hebrews 8
12 Ezekiel 1,2,3	Hebrews 9
13 Ezekiel 4,5,6	Hebrews 10:1-23
14 Ezekiel 7,8,9	Hebrews 10:24-39
15 Ezekiel 10,11,12	Hebrews 11:1-19
16 Ezekiel 13,14,15	Hebrews 11:20-40
17 Ezekiel 16	Hebrews 12
18 Ezekiel 17,18,19	Hebrews 13
19 Ezekiel 20,21	James 1
20 Ezekiel 22,23	James 2
21 Ezekiel 24,25,26	James 3
22 Ezekiel 27,28	James 4
23 Ezekiel 29,30,31	James 5
24 Ezekiel 32,33	1 Peter 1
25 Ezekiel 34,35	1 Peter 2
26 Ezekiel 36,37	1 Peter 3
27 Ezekiel 38,39	1 Peter 4
28 Ezekiel 40	1 Peter 5
29 Ezekiel 41,42	2 Peter 1
30 Ezekiel 43,44	2 Peter 2

December

1 Ezekiel 45,46	2 Peter 3
2 Ezekiel 47,48	1 John 1
3 Daniel 1,2	1 John 2
4 Daniel 3,4	1 John 3
5 Daniel 5,6	1 John 4

Sunday – November 29	
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 – November 30	
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 – December 1	
9:15	Staff Meeting
6:00	Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)
Wednesday – December 2	
12:00	Noon Bible Study (Wednesdays, Morris)
5:30	Church in Fellowship (Wednesdays, Wilcoxson/Story)
6:00	Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Room 2156)
6:30	Church in Study (Wednesdays, Educational Wing)
7:30	Church in Prayer (Wednesdays, Chapel)
Thursday – December 3	
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 – December 4	
6:00	Fellowship Friday (Youth Ministry)
Saturday – December 5	
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)

Important Announcements

*****SAVE THE DATE 2015 HOLIDAY SEASON*****

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**Sunday Church School  
Thanksgiving General Assembly**  
(See Sis. Irma Wise)  
November 22, 2015, 9:00 am

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**Comfort & Care Ministry
Precious Memories Holiday Fellowship**
(See Rev. Patricia Mobley)
December 5, 2015, 1:00 pm

This inspirational service is for those who have lost loved ones this year. It is to commemorate the lives of your loved ones in a warm and spiritually supportive setting. A light repast will follow. RSVP by calling the church office no later than November 23, 2015.

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**Group #29 Joys of Christmas  
8th Annual Church-Wide Family Dinner Fellowship**  
(See Dea. Robert Friday)  
December 5, 2015, 3:00 pm

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Worship Arts Christmas Program
(See Dr. Walter McLean)
December 13, 2015, 4:00 pm

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**Sunday Church School Christmas  
General Assembly**  
(See Sis. Irma Wise)  
December 20, 2015, 9:00 am

# Important Announcements

**Tabernacle "Angel Tree" Celebration  
December 12, 2015, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Sign up begins November 1, 2015 and continues throughout the month of November. Names will be available on Sundays outside of the Deaconess Board room.

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**Annual Poinsettia Project
Donations begin November 8, 2015**

Submit donation requests in the Cloak room on Sundays beginning in November.

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**Children & Youth Rally  
Metropolitan Baptist District Association  
Congress of Christian Education  
November 14, 2015, 8:15 am - 12:00 noon**

Wear a purple t-shirt and bring your children and youth to Tabernacle to experience the excitement and joy of children & youth on fire for the Lord. Meet in the fellowship hall at 8:15 am to participate in the processional.

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**Church Conference
November 17, 2015, 7:00 pm**

Church members are encouraged to join together as a family to discuss what God is doing through His church.

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**Thanksgiving Day Annual Outreach  
Thursday, November 26, 2015, 8:00 am -4:00 pm**

Our annual Thanksgiving Day ministry outreach will be on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2015! Frozen Turkey donations, should be delivered to the church by November 19, 2015.

Thanksgiving Thursday, we will gather as a church family in this annual outreach from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. There is opportunity for you and your family to volunteer for any of the following duties: cooks, food prep, packers, set up for in house and outgoing meals, drivers, navigators, hostesses, clean up crew, and more.

The day before Thanksgiving, Wednesday, November 25, 2015, there is also the opportunity for volunteers to serve as pre-packers from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

This Thanksgiving you can have a wonderful fellowship moment, help our members, serve our adult foster care community, and much, much more! To volunteer, please call the church office or see Rev. Debra Carter or Trustee Elaine Hudson.

**111th Annual Session of the National Baptist  
Congress of Christian Education to Convene  
in Tampa, FL  
June 20-24, 2016**

Join the Tabernacle Delegation. Sign up indicating your interest by calling the Church office or seeing Sis. Wise during the Sunday Church School hour. Plans are being made now for group rates on buses and planes. Consider continuing your Christian education by participating again this year!

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Join the Tabernacle Worship Arts Ministry

You are invited to join the Worship Arts Ministry of Tabernacle. Contact the church office and newsletter for individual group rehearsal schedules and to request contact information for the person responsible for the group(s) of interest:

Cherub & Youth Choir (ages 6-15) - Bro. Michael Sandusky & Rev. Michael Glover

Tabernacle Choir - Dr. Walter McLean

Women & Girls Choir & Contemporary Christian Chorale - Sis. Teresa Youngblood

Blessed Hearts - Sis. Karra Thomas

Orchestra Ensemble - Dr. Walter McLean

Liturgical Dancers - Sis. Debra White-Hunt or Sis. Shelia Williams

TMBC Monthly Meetings

Sunday – November 1, 2015	Sunday– November 8
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)	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 – November 2	Monday – November 9
4:30 Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room) 6:00 Hospitality (Monday after first Sunday, Wilcoxson Room) 6:00 Super Saturday Women & Girls' Committee Meeting (Monday after 1st & 3rd Sundays, Room 2157)	10:00 AARP Chapter 4803 (Morris Room) 4:30 Prayer Partners (Quiet Room)
Tuesday – November 3	Tuesday – November 10
9:15 Staff Meeting 10:00 AARP Chapter 4803 (2nd Monday/1st Tuesday, Morris) 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)	9:15 Staff Meeting 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)
Wednesday – November 4	Wednesday – November 11
12:00 Noon Bible Study (Wednesdays, Morris) 5:30 Church in Fellowship (Wednesdays, Wilcoxson/Story) 6:00 Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Room 2156) 6:30 Church in Study (Wednesdays, Educational Wing) 7:30 Church in Prayer (Wednesdays, Chapel)	12:00 Noon Bible Study (Wednesdays, Morris) 5:30 Church in Fellowship (Wednesdays, Wilcoxson/Story) 6:00 Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Room 2156) 6:30 Church in Study (Wednesdays, Educational Wing) 7:30 Church in Prayer (Wednesdays, Chapel)
Thursday – November 5	Thursday – November 12
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 Northwestern Alumni Association (Thursday after 2nd Sunday, Wilcoxson Room) 6:00 Silent Ministry (Thursdays, Room 2164) 6:30 Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)
Friday – November 6	Friday – November 13
6:00 Fellowship Friday (Youth Ministry)	6:00 Fellowship Friday (Youth Ministry)
Saturday – November 7	Saturday – November 14
12:00 Quilting, Crocheting, and Knitting Class (Saturdays, Room 2159) 12:00 Narcotics Anonymous (NA, Beechwood Campus) 1:00 Sorosis Guild (Saturday after 1st Sunday, Room 2156) 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)	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 – November 15
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 – November 16
4:30 Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room) 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)
Tuesday – November 17
9:15 Staff Meeting 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)
Wednesday – November 18
12:00 Noon Bible Study (Wednesdays, Morris) 5:30 Church in Fellowship (Wednesdays, Wilcoxson/Story) 6:00 Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Room 2156) 6:30 Church in Study (Wednesdays, Sanctuary) 7:30 Church in Prayer (Wednesdays, Chapel)
Thursday – November 19
5:00 Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room) 6:00 Silent Ministry (Thursdays, Room 2164) 6:30 Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)
Friday – November 20
6:00 Fellowship Friday (Youth Ministry)
Saturday – November 21
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 – November 22
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 – November 23
4:30 Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room)
Tuesday – November 24
9:15 Staff Meeting 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)
Wednesday – November 25
Thanksgiving Break
Thursday – November 26
Thanksgiving Outreach
Friday – November 27
6:00 Fellowship Friday (Youth Ministry)
Saturday – November 28
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)

Join Tabernacle MBC as she celebrates her

Sunday Worship Service - Guest Preacher

REVEREND DR. WILLIAM J. SHAW

Pastor of the White Rock Baptist Church -- sixteenth President of The National Baptist Convention, USA. Inc.

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Saturday Luncheon Guest Speaker

Gary A. Brown

Director of the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department -- one of the largest systems in the nation.



Saturday Panel Discussion Moderator



Bankole Thompson

Distinguished journalist and author -- recently named an Op-Ed columnist for the Detroit News where his column runs every Thursday



November 7-8, 2015

"We are the body of Christ, 95 years growing"
Romans 12:4-5

November 7, 2015
11:00 am
ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON
& SILENT AUCTION
Mr. Gary Brown
& Mr. Bankole Thompson
Special Guests

November 8, 2015
11:00 am
ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP
Rev. Dr. William J. Shaw
Guest Preacher



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TAB'S 95TH ANNIVERSARY: A TIME FOR REFLECTION, CELEBRATION, AND ACTION

Special Events Set for Nov. 7-8

Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church turns 95 this November, and the church is ready to celebrate with special programs, music, and a veritable flood of prayer.

And if anniversaries are all about reflecting, Tab – with 95 years under its belt – certainly has accumulated its share of reflections. At just a shade under a century, Tabernacle has had a well-developed, intimate relationship with struggle... and overcoming.

Founded on November 15, 1920 by some 35 people leaving repression and blocked opportunities in the South, Tab has survived economic depression, seasoned with rank racial prejudice. In the 1940s, the church endured the sudden death of visionary Pastor Robert H. Pittman, struck by an automobile as he headed home from church. Years earlier, Tabernacle had overcome a church split, with some members leaving to form the nearby New Light Baptist Church.

Many more mountains have been climbed...and continue to be climbed.

Now, when Tabernacle's collective soul looks back, church leaders say wondering how it got over is not part of the process. Evidence of God's hand repeatedly pulling Tab back from the brink leaps off the page, they say.

"When we reflect upon the history of Tabernacle, we have to admit that our history is full of evidence of the favor of God upon our church," said Pastor Nathan Johnson. "And from these very humble beginnings – through changes and challenges, both within and without – God has smiled and is yet smiling on Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church."

Tab's 95th Anniversary Celebration – according to Pastor Johnson and Anniversary Committee Chairman Deacon Daryl Thomas – is full of opportunities to celebrate the past while moving, with God, into the future.

"We thank God for the men and women that He has used in previous years, including the great pastors that God has used in our history," Pastor Johnson added. "But we look forward with confident anticipation because we know that God is with us and will be with us in the days, weeks,

months, and years to come."

ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON SET FOR SATURDAY DR. WILLIAM SHAW PREACHES SUNDAY

The theme for the upcoming celebration is: "We are the body of Christ, 95 years growing," focusing on the scripture, *Romans 12: 4-5*.

The two-day celebration begins on Saturday, Nov. 7 with an Anniversary Luncheon at 11 a.m. Guest speaker will be Gary Brown. Brown has been Group Executive for Operations for the City of Detroit and is Mayor Mike Duggan's point man overseeing critical Detroit services. After a 26-year career with the Detroit Police Department, Brown was elected to the Detroit City Council and served four years as president pro tem of City Council. He eventually was named Chief Compliance Officer by then-Emergency Manager Kevyn Orr.

Before Brown's luncheon address, noted Detroit journalist Bankole Thompson will moderate a panel discussion on "Building an Inclusive Detroit: The Role of the Church." The forum will feature Tab members Dr. Byron Douglas, psychologist and author of several books on African-American history; Elliott Hall, distinguished attorney and former Ford Motor Company vice president of Washington Affairs; Rev. Dr. Billy Thompson, Detroit-area clinical psychologist and associate minister at Tabernacle, and Deacon Danton Wilson, an assistant prosecuting attorney with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and former editor of the *Michigan Chronicle*.

Moderator Thompson is a *Detroit News* columnist and host of the *Redline with Bankole Thompson* broadcast on Detroit's public radio station (WDET). He has written two books on the Obama presidency, and before moving to the *Detroit News* earlier this year, was the highly influential senior editor of the *Michigan Chronicle* for about a decade.

A SILENT AUCTION ROUNDS OUT THE SATURDAY SLATE OF ACTIVITIES.

"We've got some very nice items and services to be

auctioned off," said Anniversary Chairman Thomas. "For example, we will have autographed sports memorabilia, and Elliott Hall has donated dinner for four at Joe Muer Seafood Restaurant and two hours of legal services. And there will be many more items. "

The cost for the Anniversary Luncheon is \$25 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. On Sunday, Nov. 8, the guest preacher for the 11 a.m. service will be Rev. Dr. William Shaw, pastor of White Rock Baptist Church of Philadelphia and former president of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.

THROUGH MANY DANGERS, TOILS, AND SNARES, TAB HAS ALREADY COME

On a recent Sunday leading up to the November celebration, Deacon Frank Adams detailed Tab's history, highlighting a litany of blessings.

According to Deacon Adams, "When you really look at it – with all the church has faced – we should not be here. It is only through God that we are."

In his brief presentation, Deacon Adams led the congregation to reflect on Tab's past. He talked first of the founding of the church by about 35 individuals, most from Cordele, Georgia. He then spoke of the church's momentous decision to leave its initial home on the east side and move to a growing Black community on the west side. He added that early members built a church edifice despite limited resources and racial prejudice.

Tabernacle, which ultimately moved into the Beechwood facility, benefited from a succession of pastors, Adams said. He cited Rev. Major James Morris, Rev. Pittman, Rev. Jesse Jai McNeil, Rev. Fulton O. Bradley, and Rev. Frederick George Sampson II.

One of the most critical challenges, Deacon Adams noted, involved experiencing three years without a pastor while navigating the most extensive building project in the church's history – after Dr. Sampson made his transition.

"Yet God did not leave us as orphans," Deacon Adams exclaimed. "He continued to provide and preserve during a trial that we could not have survived in our own strength."

God's favor, according to Adams, included the blessing of leadership provided by Spiritual Leader Rev. Johnnie Green, II, and others until "the Lord blessed us with our wonderful

Pastor, Rev. Nathan Johnson, who is our facilitator as God leads us to a new day of promise."

As part of the anniversary celebration, individual Tab members have been delivering – and continue to deliver – the requested special offering of \$475, which equals \$5 for each year of Tab's existence.

"As I stated before, we are facing challenges financially," noted Deacon Adams in his recent appeal to the church. "However, we know God has a beautiful history of providing for us through many dark valleys, and He has promised never to leave or forsake us. Now we all have an opportunity to express our gratitude and confidence in Him by making a sacrificial offering for this, God's 95th Anniversary of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church."

Isaac Washington, chairman of the Tabernacle Board of Deacons, echoed the sentiment of those pointing to the hand of God in Tab's history.

Chairman Washington said, "We are truly not only privileged and blessed to witness the hand of God moving among His people but also to experience the manifestation of His divine will within the body of Christ. We give Him the praise, glory, and honor. The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer...My God, my strength, in whom I will trust."

Deacon Thomas, a Tab member since 1997 and a deacon since 1996, said the 95th Anniversary celebration can serve as a springboard as God utilizes Tabernacle to provide wider leadership and assistance to the larger community. He says God has always used Tab's young adults and young adult ministries to help the church and serve the surrounding community.

Pastor Johnson also said the 95th celebration can usher in a future filled with the kind of blessings that have sustained Tabernacle during challenges past.

"We know God has greater work for us to do in the area of advancing His kingdom," said Pastor Johnson. "We know that more souls are to be won."

Anniversary Committee members include Chairman Deacon Daryl Thomas, Trustee Pamela Stone, Trustee Darnetta Banks, Sister Juanita Roye, Brother Gary Pollard, Deacon Frank Adams, Sister Tamara White, and Trustee Steven Clarke. For more information on 95th Anniversary activities, call (313) 898-3325.