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Sunday Church School . . . . . 9:30 am
New Member's Class . . . . . 9:30 am
Big Sisters - Children 2½-5 years - Child Development Center . . . . . 11:00 am

Observance of the Lord's Supper • 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)

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The Power of Influence!

God has given us so many opportunities to influence the world around us. Many times we squander these opportunities. Jesus says that we are "the salt of the earth." Imagine the power of influence found in salt. During the time of Jesus, salt was a most valuable substance. It was so valuable that it was used to pay men for the work they had done. In fact it is where we get the word "salary." Men would store salt as we would store gold and silver. Jesus is declaring that you and I are people of value. The essence of this value is found in the power of influence.

This power of influence is seen in salt's ability to arrest corruption. Salt stops the spread of corruption in meat when it is applied. Salt has the power to influence taste. When applied to food it brings out the hidden flavor of the food. It has also been noted that salt has antiseptic abilities. It cleanses and promotes healing. Salt creates thirst, it makes you desire for what is needed in order to stay alive.

According to Jesus, you and I have this kind of power, the

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Pastor's Schedule

OCTOBER 2016

October 2, 2016, 6:00 pm
Joint Observance of the Lord's Supper
Trinity Missionary Baptist Church
113-123 Wessen, Pontiac, MI
Rev. Dr. D. Tolbert

October 8, 2016, 9:00 am
Annual Prayer Breakfast
St. Paul AME Church
2260 Hunt Street, Detroit, MI
Pastor Andre' Spivey

October 10-13, 2016, 7:00 pm
Bethany Baptist Church
15122 W. Chicago, Detroit, MI
Rev. Dr. Samuel H. Bullock Jr.

October 14, 2016, 7:00 pm
Association Night
Lilly Baptist Church
1117 W.G. Wade Dr., Jackson, MI

October 24-26, 2016, 8:30 pm
Bethel Baptist Church
1 Fisher Court, White Plains, NY
Rev. Dr. Edward O. Williamson

October 30, 2016
Pastoral Installation Service
Inkster Springhill Baptist Church
3655 Spring Hill, Inkster, MI
Johnnie Harrison, Pastor

NOVEMBER 2016

November 1-3, 2016, 7:00 pm
Revival
Jerusalem Missionary
Baptist Church
2717 Rev.A.S.Johnson Blvd,
Galveston, TX
Mark James, Pastor

November 20, 2016
Pastoral Installation Service
Harmony Baptist Church
4113 Telegraph Ave., Oakland, CA
A.L. Perkins, Pastor

Sermon Topics

(all sermons by Pastor Johnson unless otherwise noted)

September 4
For Us!
Isaiah 53:1-12

September 11
Confronted by Grace
Acts 9:1-6

September 18
The Grace of God Welcomes Everybody!
Acts 10:34-43

September 25
Be Angry and Sin Not
Ephesians 4:26-27

Creating God Space

"Christ-followers everywhere are struggling to figure out how to have spiritual conversations and this lack of confidence and competence has silenced many Christians. God Space emboldens God's people to re-engage in these conversations in natural and winsome ways" (Josh McDowell).

The book GOD SPACE will guide us to be aware that every encounter is a divine opportunity to sow a seed of the gospel. The book will give practical examples and useful tools to equip us to share the hope that lies within us.

We can't create God space until we allow God to create a space in us. Luke 9:23, this death to self – my space – is where God Space begins to form.

Death to self is always a prerequisite for creating God Space. This a huge challenge for today's Christians. First Corinthians 6:19 says that when we become Christians, our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. But Jesus did not send the Holy Spirit to simply reside in our bodies but to preside over them. If we're going to create God Space for others, it has to start inside us. It takes safe people to create safe places. Unfortunately, we're naturally predisposed toward resisting this holy takeover. My space, my desires, my needs, my money, my time—this "me, myself, and I" list

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Sick and Shut-In

AMOS, Sis. Ina
ARNOLD, Sis. Nancy
AYOLA, Sis. Patricia
BENTLEY, Sis. Elois
BENTLEY, Bro. Christopher
BERRY, Deaconess Rudelle
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GILCHRIST, Sis. Doris
GREEN, Sis. Sharyn
HAMLIN, Sis. Eugenia
HAWKES, Bro. Earnest
HICKS, Rev. Dr. Gwendolyn
HICKS, Sis. Mary
HINES, Sis. Bernadine
HORTON, Sis. Carrie
HUNTER, Deaconess Hassie
HUNTER, Bro. James
JOHNSON, Sis. Audrey
JOHNSON, Sis. Lois
JOHNSON, Sis. Ruby
JONES, Sis. Jennie
LINEBARGER, Deaconess Nazell
LOGAN, Sis. Norma
LYNCH, Sis. Willie B.
MARTIN, Disciple Joan
MAYFIELD, Dr. Jean
MYLES, Sis. Leah
ROBERTS, Sis. Mildred
SINGLETON, Sis. Martel
SMITH, Sis. Alnieda
SMITH, Sis. Chanel
SPENCER, Sis. Nicole
STEWART, Sis. Sharon
THOMAS, Sis. Margaret
TYLER, Bro. Eddie
WELCH, Sis. Nettie
WHITE, Sis. Jean
WHITE, Sis. Thelma
WILLIAMS, Sis. Gola
WINDOM, Sis. Eddie June

Condolences

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Dea. Charles & Sis. Janice Green for the loss of her mother, Sis. Dorohy Wilkerson

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Dr. James Neal & family for the loss of his mother, Sis. Lois Neal

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Sis. Shirley Tolliver & family for the loss of her brother, Dr. Harold Taylor, Sr.

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Deaconess Yvonne Gillespie & family for the loss of her sister, Sis. Doris Berry

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Deaconess Betty Hooper & family for the loss of her brother-in-law, Mr. Fred Hooper Jr.

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Sis. Grace Henderson & family for the loss of her aunt, Sis. Helen Jones

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Deaconess Kimberly Taylor & family for the loss of her aunt, Sis. Jacqueline Bates

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Sis. Monique Sheppard & family for the loss of her mother, Sis. Sandra Faye

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TMBC Meetings

Sunday – October 30

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 – October 31

4:30 Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room)

Tuesday – November 1

9:15 Staff Meeting
6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)

Wednesday – November 2

5:30 Church in Fellowship (Wednesdays, Wilcoxson/Story)
6:00 Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Chapel)
6:30 Church in Prayer (Wednesdays, Sanctuary)

Thursday – November 3

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 4

6:00 Fellowship Friday (Youth Ministry)

Saturday – November 5

10:00 Leadership Council (Saturday before the 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)

Flowers Enhancing the Beauty of the Sanctuary

are dedicated...

October 2, 2016

In loving memory of **Deceased Members of the Sorosis Guild**. Placed there by the Sorosis Guild.

October 9, 2016

In loving memory of my wife, **Delcenia Crawley**. Placed there by Emile Crawley Jr., & family.

October 16, 2016

Congratulations **John and Marquia Mann**. October 15, 2016. Placed there by the Gibson family.

October 23, 2016

In memory of beloved mother, Lue Ella Brooks. October 15, 1916 - July 1, 2000. Forever in our hearts. Placed there by Carl N. Brooks & family. And in loving memory of **Deceased Members of the Hospitality Ministry**. Placed there by the Hospitality Ministry.

October 30, 2016

In loving memory of **Sis. Ora Hoye**. Placed there by the Nurses' Ministry.

Fellowship Hour

October 9
Group #24

October 16
Sorosis Guild

October 23 Group #1
Usher Ministry Anniversary

October 30
Group #29

Evangelism Article

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of entitlements goes on forever. God wants to deliver us from this way of thinking. God Space begins where the natural gives way to the supernatural. We're urged, in Romans 12:1, to offer our bodies as living sacrifices. We can't create God Space until we've allowed God to create space in us first.

God Space is where… God is felt and encountered in tangible ways that address the longings and cries of the heart… The natural way gives way to the supernatural… Gentleness and respect are present, judgement is absent… Seeds of faith are planted, watered and nurtured… And, divine dialogue flows naturally because trust has been established.

Spirit-led listening and wondering questions creates safe places for people to bring their real issues to light. Then they will reveal a specific need that requires a divine solution. When life problems exceed my finite resources, I would like to talk to someone with infinite resources. This is where the Holy Spirit can do amazing things through everyday conversations. Where honesty and transparency allow for discovery and deep conversation. Where lives are challenged and changed.

Writer's Ministry - Deacon's Lesson

Lesson 13: Study Diligently

Scriptures:

Matthew 21:1-15; Zechariah 9

Goal:

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

Objective:

To develop a commitment to studying God's Word diligently.

To understand the importance of religiously educating our children.

Church Covenant Segment:

We also engage... to study diligently the Word of God; to religiously educate our children.

Introduction:

God requires us to read and study His Word diligently and consistently. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth". (2 Timothy 2:15) However, studying diligently without obeying God's Word is a good example of building your house on sand and wasting your time. When the storms come and our houses are destroyed, are we prepared to weather the storm? As a church family and people of God, we must prepare our hearts to both study and obey Him; for God's Word is the one strong foundation that will sustain us.

The Book of Ezra provides the perfect blueprint for studying diligently God's Word and identifying ways to religiously educate our children. Ezra, a scribe, Priest and scholar loved the Word of God. He studied God's law and prepared himself to interpret and teach the laws of Moses to the Israelites, after God fulfilled His promise to return them to the Land of Promise. Ezra used his skills as a scribe to teach God's Word to the people. "For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and do it, and to teach in Israel statues and judgments" (Ezra 7:10).

To Ezra, diligence was reading the laws aloud to everyone who could hear and understand him. Nehemiah 8:3 states: "And he read therein before the street that was before the water gate from the morning until midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of Law." Like Ezra, we must bring our hearts, minds, skills and talents to bear as we study, obey and teach God's Word to our children and church family.

Lesson Summary:

The Word of God is the single most important tangible and spiritual possession that Christians own. Scripture says that; "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God…. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us The Word is the Gospel and the very reflection of God in the incarnation of Jesus Christ. God's ways, His will, His instructions for living and worshipping Him, and His plans for all of mankind are contained within the inspired Word of God which is without error. God reveals Himself through His Word. How else can we know God or His ways or desires except by the diligent study of the Word?

One needs only to read through the Old Testament account to realize that God desires that we know and understand Him. The New Testament reveals the depth of His love for man for it records the sacrificial death of His only Son, Jesus. God has revealed Himself to man throughout history. He desires to have a people who are His own and yet our faith history demonstrates our continuous attraction to other gods. Diligently studying God's Word helps us to develop an intimate relationship with Him. This lesson affords us an opportunity to make a critical self-examination as a church family. What does the time you spend studying God's Word demonstrate about the quality of your relationship with Him? When we are persistent in studying God's Word, meditating on it, allowing it to permeate our hearts and minds, it is unlikely that we will be drawn to false gods. In like manner, taking care to teach our children the Word of God allows them to have a strong foundation for life.

God's Word is eternal (Psalms 119:89) and a light for our path (Ps. 119:105). In it we can find comfort, peace, knowledge, counsel and wisdom for living. We are to embrace it, meditate on it day and night while seeking to obey its righteous decrees.

"For the word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and quick to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12)

The Word of God is life-changing and penetrates the very core of our being. We must allow it to shape us spiritually and shape our minds, will, and emotions. Joshua 1: 8 states, "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success." Being persistent in our study of God's Word and religiously training our children, allows God's plan for us, in us and through us to become a reality! May God be praised!

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

Voter Suppression: Then and Now

by Dr. Byron Douglas, Ph.D.

After the Civil War and the passage of the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments, Black men were awarded the right to vote as the policy of reconstruction was implemented. Federal troops were stationed throughout the South in order to provide protection to the formerly enslaved. With the vote, Black voters put a number of Black officials in office throughout the South. These officials were members of the republican party. Blacks became republicans because that was the party of Lincoln. Despite being threatened, physically attacked and even assassinated, Black officials continued to serve.

In 1877, republican Rutherford B. Hayes became president of the U. S. He did so by brokering a deal with southern democrats in which Hayes agreed to remove federal troops from the South in exchange for democrat electoral votes. With the withdrawal of federal troops Black officials were removed from office, African Americans became the victims of domestic terrorism by the Klan, southern officials, business owners and everyday citizens.

Jim Crow laws were instituted in order to circumscribe Black life. Segregation became the official policy of the South. In order to stifle the Black vote, racist policies were put into effect by the ruling democrats. They implemented the "grandfather clause"; which meant that if you were Black and your grandfather never voted then you could not vote. This was designed to never award Blacks the right to vote. Poll taxes were implemented which meant that a Black person was charged an exorbitant fee in order to vote, and various literacy tests such as the "constitution test" were devised in which a white registrar would tell a prospective voter to read and interpret a section of the constitution to the satisfaction of the registrar. Also, blatant intimidation was used. Blacks were threatened, beaten, bombed, and killed in an attempt to prevent them from exercising their rights. It was the persistence of the civil rights movement that led to the passage of the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act; which ended all racist voter restrictions.

Because Lyndon Johnson, a southern democrat, lobbied for and signed these bills; racist southern democrats left the democratic party and were warmly welcomed into the republican party. The republican party went on to develop the "southern strategy" which was designed to create racial animosity and gain the support of working class whites. This strategy led to the election of Richard Nixon in 1968. To this day, the republican party has utilized race baiting and negative stereotyping as major political strategies in order to influence elections.

After the first election of Barack Obama republican officials began to devise schemes to suppress the vote of African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and young people. For example republican controlled state governments instituted voter ID laws to fight nonexistent voter fraud, closed polling places in predominately Black and Brown areas, restricted early voting and ended Sunday voting, and even reduced voting hours. In North Carolina, their suppression laws have been successfully challenged in federal court.

Now, the reason why southern democrats and modern republicans wanted to suppress the vote is because they wanted to limit Black influence on societal change. From the local to the national level laws and ordinances are passed that directly affects your life and the lives of those coming after you. Your vote influences community development, infrastructure improvements, public services, job creation, and criminal justice policy. When you self-suppress your vote by not even bothering to cast a ballot, places like Flint get poisoned, school systems get taken over, and development by-passes your neighborhood.

History informs us that when it comes to the major political parties neither the republican nor the democratic party have consistently advocated for human and civil rights. History informs us that neither

Weekly Sunday School Lessons

Builder of the House
Lesson #6 — **October 9, 2016**

Devotional Reading:	Hebrews 10:19-25
Background Scripture:	Hebrews 3:1-6
Print Passage:	Hebrews 3:1-6; Matthew 7:24-29
Key Verse:	Hebrews 3:3
3 Angels in God's Plan	Hebrews 2:5-8b
4 Keep Your Commitment to Christ	Hebrews 3:7-15
5 Hold Fast to Our Confession	Hebrews 10:19-25
6 Jesus Christ, the Only Foundation	1 Corinthians 3:10-12
7 Requesting then Receiving Help	Matthew 7:7-11
8 Obedient Actions Required of All Members	Matthew 7:19-23
9 Working at Jesus' Behest	Hebrews 3:1-6; Matthew 7:24-29

The Great High Priest
Lesson #7 — **October 16, 2016**

Devotional Reading:	Ephesians 4:7-13
Background Scripture:	Hebrews 4:14-5:10
Print Passage:	Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-10
Key Verse:	Hebrews 4:14
10 Gifts for the Work of Ministry	Ephesians 4:7-13
11 Grateful for God's Mercy	1 Timothy 1:12-17
12 Maintain Faith and a Good Conscience	1 Timothy 1:18-20
13 Guard Your Faith with Powerful Love	2 Timothy 1:3-14
14 A Good Soldier of Jesus Christ	2 Timothy 2:1-7
15 Jesus Carries Forward the Father's Will	Matthew 26:36-39
16 Jesus, the Great High Priest	Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-10

The High Priest Forever
Lesson #8 — **October 17, 2016**

Devotional Reading:	Psalm 110
Background Scripture:	Hebrews 7
Print Passage:	Hebrews 7:1-3,19-28
Key Verse:	Hebrews 7:24
17 Victory of God's Priest-King	Psalm 110
18 Service by and Support of Priests	Numbers 18:21-24
19 Believers' Inheritance in Christ	Ephesians 1:11-16
20 The Power of God Invested in Christ	Ephesians 1:17-23
21 Jesus, Permanent Priest Forever	Hebrews 1:1-3,23-25
22 Power of an Indestructible Life	Hebrews 7:15-17
23 Jesus, Living Intercessor for the People	Hebrews 7:1-3,19-28

Pioneer and Perfector of Our Faith
Lesson #9 — **October 30, 2016**

Devotional Reading:	Isaiah 53:1-6
Background Scripture:	Hebrews 12:1-13
Print Passage:	Hebrews 12:1-13
Key Verse:	Hebrews 12:1b-2a
24 I Know Their Suffering	Exodus 3:7-10
25 A Cry for Help Answered	Psalm 22:1-5
26 By his Bruises We Are Healed	Isaiah 53:1-6
27 Run the Race to Win	1 Corinthians 9:24-27
28 Endure Discipline, Share in God's Holiness	Hebrews 10:35-39
29 You Are Blessed for Enduring Suffering	James 1:12-16
30 Discipline Yields Peaceful Fruit	Hebrews 12:1-13

Everything is Brand New
Lesson #10 — **November 6, 2016**

Devotional Reading:	Revelation 7:13-17
Background Scripture:	Revelation 21:1-8
Print Passage:	Revelation 21:1-8
Key Verse:	Revelation 21:4
31 God Will Dwell among Them	Exodus 29:42-46
1 Who Dwells on God's Holy Hill?	Psalm 15
2 Life in the New Heaven and New Earth	Isaiah 65:20-25
3 those Who Believe Have Eternal Life	John 6:35-40
4 The Mercy of Jesus Leads to Eternal Life	Jude 20-35
5 God Will Wipe Away All Tears	Revelation 7:13-17
6 Mortals in God's Presence	Revelation 21:1-8

Reading Through the Bible in a Year

October

2	Isaiah 24,25,26	Ephesians 4
3	Isaiah 27,28	Ephesians 5
4	Isaiah 29,30	Ephesians 6
5	Isaiah 31,32,33	Philippians 1
6	Isaiah 34,35,36	Philippians 2
7	Isaiah 37,38	Philippians 3
8	Isaiah 39,40	Philippians 4
9	Isaiah 41,42	Colossians 1
10	Isaiah 43,44	Colossians 2
11	Isaiah 45,46,47	Colossians 3
12	Isaiah 48,49	Colossians 4
13	Isaiah 50,51,52	1 Thessalonians 1
14	Isaiah 53,54,55	1 Thessalonians 2
15	Isaiah 56,57,58	1 Thessalonians 3
16	Isaiah 59,60,61	1 Thessalonians 4
17	Isaiah 62,63,64	1 Thessalonians 5
18	Isaiah 65,66	2 Thessalonians 1
19	Jeremiah 1,2	2 Thessalonians 2
20	Jeremiah 3,4	2 Thessalonians 3
21	Jeremiah 5,6	1 Timothy 1
22	Jeremiah 7,8	1 Timothy 2
23	Jeremiah 9,10	1 Timothy 3
24	Jeremiah 11,12,13	1 Timothy 4
25	Jeremiah 14,15,16	1 Timothy 5
26	Jeremiah 17,18,19	1 Timothy 6
27	Jeremiah 20,21,22	2 Timothy 1
28	Jeremiah 23,24	2 Timothy 2
29	Jeremiah 25,26	2 Timothy 3
30	Jeremiah 27,28	2 Timothy 4
31	Jeremiah 29,30	Titus 1

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

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power of influence in society. Because of our relationship with Him we have the power to stop the spread of corruption in our community. Jesus says that you and I have the power help the people around us discover the wonderful hidden flavor of life. Without what we have, life is bland and boring. Many people in our cities have been wounded by the trials and tribulations of life. They need us to be the salt that Jesus says we are, in order to bring healing to the open wounds society has left them with.

Salt does little good if it stays in the salt shaker. You and I must find ourselves engaged in the world around us. This is not to say that we become like the world, but that we apply our Christian presence and witness to the world's situation. One way we do this is by praying for God's rule to be felt in the world. Another way we do this is to let our influence be known in the voting booth. When you and I vote as believers we can stop the spread of corruption, reveal the true hidden values of life and facilitate healing in our communities.

None of this is possible if the salt has lost its savor. Jesus confronts us with the disappointing possibility of becoming tasteless. In New Testament times salt was not purified as it is today. It was a mixture of various impurities. If the salt was stored improperly or if it became wet, the salt would be leached out leaving a tasteless substance. This substance looked like salt, but had no salt taste, no salt value. You and I must not allow the dampness of the world around us to cause us to lose our savor. This dampness may be the cynical attitude that promotes disengagement. This dampness may be a spirit of apathy that keeps you from performing your Christian civic duty.

When we become like this, we become "good for nothing." Jesus did not save us to be of no value. We were not saved to be thrown out and trodden under the foot of men. We must maintain our saltiness. Don't minimize the power that you have been given in Christ Jesus to make difference in the world around you. Because you have Christ living in you, you are what the world needs. You are the salt of the earth. You have the power of influence!

Matthew 5:13 (The Message)

> *Let Me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this eart. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lose your usefulness and will end up in the garbage.*

SHALOM!

Pastor Nathan Johnson, Senior Pastor

Important Announcements

Metropolitan District Congress of Christian Education (MEDCCE)
October 8, 2016, 8:45 am
Continue your Certificate of Progress Program through this accredited/certified school. Join your extended church family in fellowship and study.

Hospitality Pie Fellowship
October 8, 2016, 4:00 pm
See Sis. EvAnn Pitts for more information.

Sing-A-Rama "There's Power in the Blood"
October 9, 2016, 4:00 pm
Join Group 10/21 in their annual celebration in conjunction with the Worship Arts Ministry. See Rev. Debra Carter or Sis. Ann Pearson for more information.

Pastor's Roundtable Community Forum
October 18, 2016, 6:00 pm
Join Pastors from around our community to discuss being the church in the midst of social crisis. See Sis. Bernice Smith or Rev. Samuel Spruill for more information.

Women's Fall Retreat
October 21-23, 2016
See any member of the Women & Girls' Ministry for more information.

Prostate Cancer Informational Summit
October 22, 2016, 10:00 am
See Sis. Voncile Miller Brown for more information.

Love & Respect Marriage Enrichment Class
October 29, 2016, 10:30 am
All married couples welcome.

Tab Tymers - Remembering the Past
October 29, 2016, 2:00 pm
See Deaconess Geraldine Conoway for more information.

Father Daughter Dinner
November 5, 2016, 4:00 pm
See Sis. Patti Powell for more information.

Church Anniversary
November 12-13, 2016
96th Anniversary is coming. See Dea. & Sis. Gary Pollard for more information.

Autumn Fellowship - Meals on Wheels Volunteer Opportunity
Drivers are needed to serve our seniors in the Meals on Wheels program. See Bro. Clayton Robinson (313-898-3040) or Dea. Jerry Moses (313-898-3325) for more information.

Critical Voter's Dates

Voter Registration Ends
October 11, 2016

Absentee Ballot Request - Mail Deadline
November 2, 2016

*** GENERAL ELECTION DAY ***
November 8, 2016

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party has been a consistent friend to the African American community. Recent history has shown us that since the mid-1960's it has been the republican party that has stoked racial prejudice, negatively stereotyped Blacks, Hispanics, and the poor in general, and have tried to thwart the Black vote.

Finally, if you are not registered then do so. Become an informed voter and cast your ballot for local, regional, and national elections.

Peace
Byron C. Douglas, Ph.D.
September 22, 2016

TMBC Monthly Meetings

Sunday – October 2, 2016

8:15 Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson)
9:30 Sunday Church School
11:00 Morning Worship (Lord's Supper, 1st Sundays)
1:30 Group #7 (1st Sundays, Wilcoxson)
6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)

Monday – October 3

12:00 AARP Board Meeting (Deaconess Room)
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)
6:00 Women's Retreat Meeting (Room 2156)

Tuesday – October 4

9:15 Staff Meeting
10:00 AARP Chapter 4803 (2nd Monday/1st Tuesday, Morris)
6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)

Wednesday – October 5

5:30 Church in Fellowship (Wednesdays, Wilcoxson/Story)
6:00 Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Chapel)
6:30 Church in Prayer (Wednesdays, Sanctuary)

Thursday – October 6

5:00 Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)
6:00 Silent Ministry (Thursdays, Room 2164)
6:30 Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)

Friday – October 7

6:00 Fellowship Friday (Youth Ministry)

Saturday – October 8

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)

Sunday– October 9

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 – October 10

10:00 AARP Chapter 4803 (Morris Room)
4:30 Prayer Partners (Quiet Room)

Tuesday – October 11

9:15 Staff Meeting
6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)

Wednesday – October 12

5:30 Church in Fellowship (Wednesdays, Wilcoxson/Story)
6:00 Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Chapel)
6:30 Church in Prayer (Wednesdays, Sanctuary)

Thursday – October 13

12:00 Tab Tymers (Morris 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 – October 14

6:00 Fellowship Friday (Youth Ministry)

Saturday – October 15

9:00 Optimist Club Meeting (Morris Room)
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 – October 16

8:15 Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson)
9:30 Sunday Church School
11:00 Morning Worship (Baby Dedication, 3rd Sundays)
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 – October 17

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 – October 18

9:15 Staff Meeting
6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)

Wednesday – October 19

5:30 Church in Fellowship (Wednesdays, Wilcoxson/Story)
6:00 Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Chapel)
6:30 Church in Prayer (Wednesdays, Sanctuary)

Thursday – October 20

2:00 Westsiders (Morris Room)
5:00 Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)
6:00 Silent Ministry (Thursdays, Room 2164)
6:00 Northwestern Alumni (Morris Room)
6:30 Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)

Friday – October 21

6:00 Fellowship Friday (Youth Ministry)

Saturday – October 22

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 – October 23

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 – October 24

4:30 Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room)

Tuesday – October 25

9:15 Staff Meeting
6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)

Wednesday – October 26

5:30 Church in Fellowship (Wednesdays, Wilcoxson/Story)
6:00 Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Chapel)
6:30 Church in Prayer (Wednesdays, Sanctuary)

Thursday – October 27

5:00 Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)
6:00 Silent Ministry (Thursdays, Room 2164)
6:30 Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)

Friday – October 28

6:00 Fellowship Friday (Youth Ministry)

Saturday – October 29

10:30 Love & Respect Married Couples (Saturday before 5th Sundays, Room 2159)
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)