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Every Sunday

Worship Service . . . . .	11:00 am
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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday (11:00 am)

The Church in Fellowship, Study, and Prayer • Every Wednesday (5:30 pm)

# COME HOME TO FAMILY

A Monthly Publication of the Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church Volume 9, Issue 4



## Don't Lose Your Hope!

We are living in dark times. So much that we thought would never change has changed. Wall Street is now full of economic potholes, and great companies are falling like the walls of Jericho. Health care for many has become a fruit that is always out of season. These are only issues of economics. There are many other issues that confront us, that seem to take our hope away. This reminds me of another dark time in the history of our world. It was a time of hopelessness. A group of loyal friends gathered to observe a special meal memorializing the Passover. After the meal, the leader of the group went into a garden to pray. He seemed sorely stressed and no one around him really understood. All of a sudden, the night silence was broken by the hustle and bustle of a group of soldiers. These soldiers were not there for prayer; they were there to arrest Jesus, the leader of this group. One thing led to another, from judgment hall to judgment hall. Things came to a head on a hill outside of Jerusalem. No one would have thought that Jesus would be hanging on a cross outside of Jerusalem. It seemed as if all their hopes were being nailed to that cross.

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## REDISCOVERING THE POWER OF PRAYER

*Philippians 4:6-7*

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## Pastor's Schedule

**April 5, 2017, 7:00 pm**  
**Harford Memorial Baptist Church at Tabernacle**  
Join us as we close the Lenten Season at Tabernacle MBC  
Nathan Johnson, D.D., Pastor

**April 10-12, 2017, 7:00 pm**  
**Greater Burnette Baptist Church**  
16801 Schoolcraft Ave  
Detroit, MI 48227  
Rev. R. Patrick Johnson, Pastor

**April 14, 2017, 6:00 pm**  
**Good Friday Service - 7th Word**  
Mt. Olive Institutional MBC  
114 N 6th Street Avenue  
Saginaw, MI  
Marvin T Smith, Pastor

**April 25-27, 2017, 7:00 pm**  
Mt. Moriah MBC  
735 East 20th Avenue  
Gary, IN

**May 23-25, 2017**  
Second Baptist Church  
600 Donald Adkins Dr.,  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022  
Rev. Kenneth M. Gavin, Pastor

**May 28, 2017**  
**Annual Women's Day**  
Jordan Grove MBC  
2603 Anita Street  
Houston, TX 77004  
Rev. Danny Davis

## Sermon Topics

March 5  
**Forgiven to Forgive**  
Matthew 6:12

March 12  
**For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory**  
Matthew 6:13

March 19  
**More than a Friend at Midnight**  
Luke 11:5-13

March 26  
**Don't Stop Praying and Don't Give Up**  
Luke 18:1-8

(all sermons by Pastor Johnson unless otherwise noted)

## Prayer in Evangelism

Prayer is one of the greatest and most powerful tools God has given us. When we pray, we are brought to a spiritual level where we are in communion with God. Prayer releases God's presence in our lives and empowers us as we reach out to others. We cannot accomplish what God has committed into our hands unless we make a full use of the resources (including prayer!) that have been made available to us through His Word. Without prayer, your witness will be far less effective and you will be far more susceptible to the foils of the enemy. When you witness, you need the blessing and support of the Lord. Prayer makes this all possible.

Add power to your witness through scripture inspired prayer. Ask God (1) to open their spiritual eyes (2 Corinthians 4:4); (2) to give them ears to hear; (3) to give them a receptive heart (Luke 8:11-15); and (4) to give them faith to believe (Acts 20:21). When you evangelize you plant the seeds of the Gospel, but it is God who causes the growth. In prayer you ask God to give that growth. In prayer you ask God to convict them of their sin and awaken in them the need and desire for salvation. Pray for yourself. Pray for that Holy Spirit boldness, confidence, and conviction to be able to present the Gospel with the compassion and grace demonstrated by Jesus. Prayer is a powerful tool and a vital part of witnessing.

Prayer is not just an indirect tool in evangelism; we can also evangelize by praying for people. Imagine what could happen when you begin to really pray for your friends, neighbors, and family? Imagine how they will feel when you ask them what we can pray for them about? Do you know what a testimony it will be when they receive answers to your prayers?

Jesus prayed and preached the Gospel. It was His habit to wake up before dawn to go to a solitary place to pray (Mark 3:5). He sometimes spent all night in prayer (Luke 6:12). He often separated Himself to be alone with God (Matthew 14:30). Jesus is our example. If Jesus, Son of God, needed to spend so much time in prayer, how much more time do we need to spend with God in prayer?

Prayer is a privilege and a very powerful tool to be used by every Christian. Prayer offers a direct connection to our Lord -- your power source. Prayer is where you meet Him. It is not enough to talk, write, and read about prayer. Quite simply--we just need to PRAY!

## Sick and Shut-In

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HICKS, Sis. Mary

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STRAUSS, Sis. Barbara

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WELCH, Sis. Nettie

WHITE, Sis. Thelma

WILLIAMS, Sis. Gola

WINDOM,  
Sis. Eddie June

## Condolences

Bro. Derrick & Bro. Kevin White for the loss of their mother, Sis. Millie White  
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Sis. Rosa Brown for the loss of her sister-in-law, Sis. Clementine Wilder  
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Rev. Dennis & Sis. Donna Kitchen for the loss of her aunt, Sis. Barbara Douglas  
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Sis. Crystal Gillespie for the loss of her brother, Bro. Cecil Davis  
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Dr. Betty Davis for the loss of her mother, Sis. Spizette Davis  
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Bro. Mack Douglas for the loss of his wife, Sis. Barbara Douglas  
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Sis. Mildred Turner for the loss of her husband, Bro. Thermon Turner  
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Bro. Davis Myles for the loss of his sister, Sis. Leah Myles  
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Sis. Mellissa Hightower for the loss of her uncle, Bro. Leroy Davis  
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Mr. Robert Parker for the loss of his wife, Sis. Winifred Parker  
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Bro. Isaac Gilchrist for the loss of his wife, Sis. Doris Gilchrist  
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Rev. Will & Sis Danielle Hawk for the loss of her father, Bro. Stephen Bailey  
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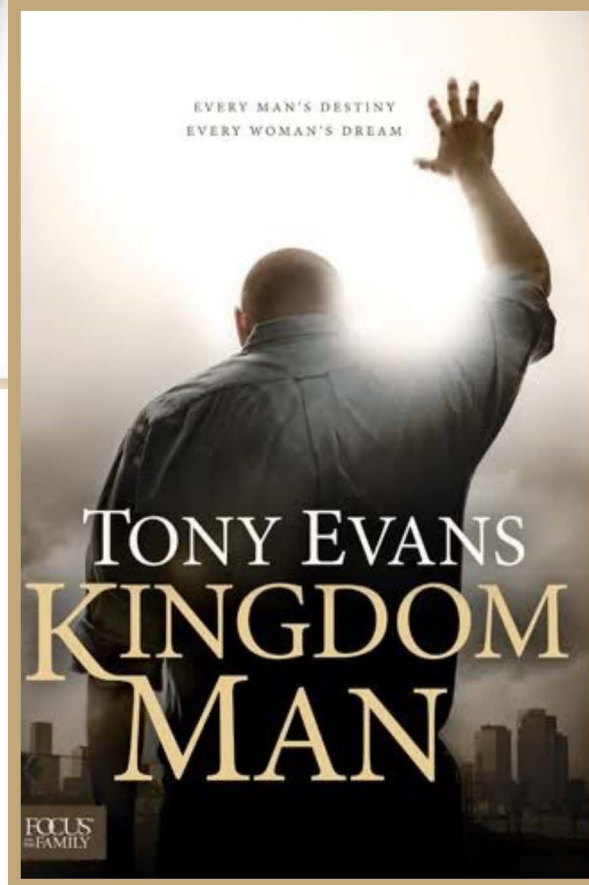
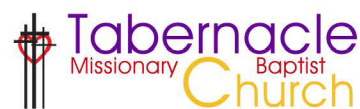
Sis. Jacqueline Snodgrass for the loss of her sister-in-law, Sis. Imogene Martin  
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Sis. Minnie Hill Brougdon for the loss of her father, Bro. Johann' Hill

# TONY EVANS KINGDOM MAN

Men & Boys' Ministry  
*Formation of a Kingdom Man*

Super Saturday  
**April 22, 2017, 9:00 am**  
Morris Room - Tabernacle Fellowship Hall



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## Writer's Ministry - Deacon's Lesson

**Lesson 20: Participate in Each Other's Joys and Sorrows**

**Scripture: Philippians 2:1-18**

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

**Objective: To understand the importance of participating in each other's joys and sorrows**

**Church Covenant Segment: "We further engage ... to participate in each other's joy, and with tender sympathy bear one another's burdens and sorrows."**

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This segment of the covenant charges us to become the earthen vessels through which the joys and sorrows of one another are recognized and embraced. Participating in the joys and sorrows of another reflects sensitivity, care, love, and concern, all of which serves to strengthen the body of Christ. Let us not behave as the Pharisees, who scorned Jesus for the time He spent with the publicans, harlots and sinners. They hated it when sinners came into His presence and found forgiveness, and experienced abundant joy. Love calls us to rise above our resentment, jealousy, covetousness, and anger so that we might be brought to a higher level of fellowship and a deeper dimension of love. It is only through Jesus that we are able to fulfill our responsibility in this area. He is the author and the finisher of our faith who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross. [Hebrews 12:2] The joy He had was once and for all, according to the will of the Father, He offered a sacrifice for sins for every person who would place their trust in Him. Having shared in our lowly estate and paid the ultimate price for our sins, it would bring Jesus joy for us to share in each other's joys and to bear one another's sorrows. The fullness of this joy is related to the unity of believers sharing the same mind and exhibiting the same kind of sacrificial love by serving one another as modeled by Christ Jesus.

"Then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves." (Philippians 2:2-3, NIV)

Questions 1: Why are we called to participate in the joys of one another and bear one another's burdens and sorrows? What are the benefits?

- Participating in the joys of one another is God's plan for fellowship that rules out jealousy, covetousness and ill-will. For some, participating in the joy of others increases our love and provides opportunity for greater strength and encouragement.

- We will be better people when we intensify our search for ways to participate in the joys and sorrows of others. Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tender hearted, be courteous; not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing. (1 Peter 3:8, 9)

Summary: We have been purposed by God to build each other up. This building each other up entails the ability to show forth the love of God as we face the challenges and triumphs of life. Participating in each other's joys and supporting each other through life's burdens and sorrows is one way in which God develops His compassionate character in us individually and corporately. This reveals God's divine intention to shape us so that we are more and

more like Christ. John 13: 35 tells us "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." Indeed, love becomes the witness and identifying mark of those who bear the name, Christian.

Question 2: What are the goals as we participate in the joys and sorrows of others?

- Our task is to lead brothers and sisters through their sorrows to the joy offered by the Lord for our strength.

- As we participate in the joys of others we have the opportunity to be encouraged and strengthened.

Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the spirit and sincere love of the brethren love one another fervently with a pure heart. (1 Peter 1:22)

Summary: As members of the body of Christ, we have been placed into a divine fellowship by the Spirit of God. We did not earn our place in the body of Christ. Acceptance of God's gift of grace is the only way we experience this 'koinonia' (fellowship) of the Spirit. Paul writes, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you". (1 Cor. 13: 14). It is God's grace and love that under girds this communion. Grace and love ought to be pervasive as we commune together. Keeping the fellowship of the Spirit means we are participants in everyone's joys and must be supporters in their pain and sorrow. We cannot pick and chose who we love and support. This is an opportunity to experience spiritual growth and demonstrate a love that is no respecter of persons.

Question 3: What is the role of the body of Christ in times of pain, suffering and joy?

- We are called to be there for one another to offer material and spiritual support.

- When we pray for others for God to move in difficult situations, we should rejoice when God has answered our prayers.

Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. (John 16:24)

Bear one another's burden and so fulfill the law of Christ. (Galatians 6:2)

Summary: Our response to each other during times of joy, suffering and pain ought to be tangibly demonstrated. In times of sorrow and need, we are to provide the essentials needed to support each other. One of the marks of a vibrant church is that we hold "all things in common" so that everyone has what they need. God utilizes the resources of His church to demonstrate His power to meet needs. When we provide for the material, emotional, and spiritual needs of one another, we mirror God's ability to provide for us and others. The spirit of joy and love we exhibit when we provide for each other ought to flow just as Christ's blood flowed on Calvary in demonstration of God's love for us. In this way we demonstrate a living, vibrant, and compassionate faith!

Reflections:

1. In what ways have you participated in the joys of others?
2. How have you seen God use pain and sorrow to bring people closer together?

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9:00 am**

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**Strategy #4**

**Your Family:**

Fortifying the Lives of Those You Love

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**Strategy #5**

**Your Past: Ending the Reign of Guilt,  
Shame, and Regret**

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2017 TABERNACLE MBC THEME  
"Rediscovering the Power of Prayer" Philippians 4:6-7

2017 WOMEN & GIRLS' MINISTRY SUB-THHEME  
"The Depth & Strength of Prayer" Jeremiah 29:12-13

Sis. Mamie Humphrey, Coordinator      Sis. Leanelle Simmons, Chairman

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# Don't Lose Your Hope continued from page 1

Have you ever felt like your hopes were being crucified? Just as they stripped the clothes of Jesus away, we feel that we have been stripped of our dreams and aspirations in times like these. It is not difficult to understand the behavior of the followers of Jesus that revealed their hopelessness. Hopelessness causes you to hide away out of fear. Many disciples were hiding from the authorities; they were seeking to avoid being arrested. Hopelessness causes you to become dismayed. When we are dismayed we tend to consider the things we have discarded as a possible source of regained hope. The disciples left their fishing businesses to follow Jesus. Now that Jesus was gone and so was their hope, they returned to their fishing boats. They lost hope. Sometimes when we lose hope we find ourselves embalming our yesterdays. The women who were headed to the tomb of Jesus were not looking for a resurrected Jesus. They had lost hope; they were only trying to slow the decay of a crucified hope.

By this time, you might be asking: "what is hope?" Hope is expectation. To "expect" is to see beyond your present situation. It is confidence that is anchored in the future. Hope is not wishful thinking. Hope is not some exercise of the mind. For the believer, it is the location of hope that makes the difference. The location of the believer's hope allows him to see beyond the darkness and see the glimmer of a new sunrise. The followers of Jesus could not see beyond crucifixion. They could not see because they had a limited view of Jesus. They lost their confidence because their hope was anchored in the things of this world and not in the truth that Jesus taught. Jesus taught them that His kingdom was not of this world. Because of the lack of anchoring they were easily blown off course by the winds of disappointment.

We have an advantage over the disciples; we can flip a few pages in our bibles and read about the resurrection. We know how the story is going to end. We know that the stone of buried dreams was rolled away. We know that the dead body of crucified hope is now risen and alive. We have the record to give us more reason not to lose our hope. Our hope is in the truth of who Jesus is. Our hope is in the truth that Jesus did get up from the grave conquering death. The hope we have is anchored in heaven, the place where Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father making intercession for us. The hope we have gives us confidence in spite of our present situation because we know how the story ends. If your hope is located in Jesus Christ you have every reason to maintain your hope in these dark times. Let us join the hymn writer who says:

*My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;  
in ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.  
His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found,  
dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.*

*Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand—all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.*

Don't Lose Your Hope!

Shalom,  
Pastor Nathan Johnson

# Weekly Sunday School Lessons

## God's Saving Love in Christ

|                                            |                      |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Lesson #6</b>                           | <b>April 9, 2017</b> |
| Devotional Reading:                        | Titus 3:1-7          |
| Background Scripture:                      | John 3:1-21          |
| Print Passage:                             | John 3:1-6           |
| Key Verse:                                 | John 3:16            |
| 3 God's Salvation is for the World         | John 3:17-21         |
| 4 Don't Love the World's Things            | 1 John 2:15-17       |
| 5 Nicodemus Pleads, 'Give Jesus a Hearing' | John 7:45-52         |
| 6 The Serpent in the Wilderness            | Numbers 21:4-9       |
| 7 Nicodemus Brings Spices for Burial       | John 19:38-42        |
| 8 Rebirth and Renewal by Water and Spirit  | Titus 3:1-7          |
| 9 God's Saving Love in Christ              | John 3:1-16          |

## God's Love as Victory Over Death

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| <b>Lesson #7</b>                          | <b>April 16, 2017</b>                                 |
| Devotional Reading:                       | Luke 24:1-12                                          |
| Background Scripture:                     | John 19:38-42                                         |
| Print Passage:                            | John 20:1-10; 1 Peter 1:3-5,8-9,20;1-10;1 Peter 1:3-9 |
| Key Verse:                                | John 20:8                                             |
| 10 Jesus' Side is Pierced                 | John 19:31-37                                         |
| 11 The Spirit, Water, and Blood Agree     | 1 John 5:6-12                                         |
| 12 The Lord Breaks No Bones               | Psalm 34:15-20                                        |
| 13 Soldiers Cast Lots for Jesus' Clothing | John 19:23-25a                                        |
| 14 Jesus' Final Words to His Mother       | John 19:26-27                                         |
| 15 The Women and Peter Were Amazed        | Luke 24:1-12                                          |
| 16 Victory over Death                     | John 20:1-10; 1 Peter 1:3-5,8-9                       |

## God's Reconciling Love

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| <b>Lesson #8</b>                                 | <b>April 23, 2017</b>  |
| Devotional Reading:                              | Romans 1;1-15          |
| Background Scripture:                            | Romans 5:1-11;8:31-39  |
| Print Passage:                                   | Romans 5:6-11;8:31-39  |
| Key Verse:                                       | Romans 8:39            |
| 17 Mutually Sharing the Gospel of Christ         | Romans 1:1-15          |
| 18 Fruit of Justification by Faith               | Romans 5:1-5           |
| 19 Grace Abounded through Jesus Christ           | Romans 5:18-21         |
| 20 Believers' Present Suffering and Future Glory | Romans 8:18-25         |
| 21 God's Will Shapes Human Direction             | Romans 8:26-30         |
| 22 Paul's Faithful Ministry despite Suffering    | 2 Corinthians 11:2b-27 |
| 23 God's Love Never Changes                      | Romans 5:6-11;8:31-39  |

## God's Preserving Love

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|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Lesson #9</b>                        | <b>April 30, 2017</b> |
| Devotional Reading:                     | Matthew 18:1-5,10-14  |
| Background Scripture:                   | John 10:1-15          |
| Print Passage:                          | John 10:1-15          |
| Key Verse:                              | John 10:14-15         |
| 24 Why You Don't Understand             | Matthew 13:10-17      |
| 25 God Will Rescue the Endangered Sheep | Ezekiel 34:1-10       |
| 26 The Shepherd Cares for the Lost      | Matthew 18:1-5,10-14  |
| 27 Pastor, 'Shepherd the Church of God  | Acts 20:25-28         |
| 28 Peter, 'Tend my sheep'               | John 21:15-19         |
| 29 The Blind See                        | John 9:35-41          |
| 30 Jesus, the Good Shepherd             | John 10:1-15          |

## God's Sustaining Love

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|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Lesson #10</b>                         | <b>May 7, 2017</b> |
| Devotional Reading:                       | Psalm 139:1-12     |
| Background Scripture:                     | Jonah 1            |
| Print Passage:                            | Jonah 1:7-17       |
| Key Verse:                                | Jonah 1:10a        |
| 1 Can I Flee from God's Presence?         | Psalm 139:1-12     |
| 2 The Lord's Voice in the Storm           | Psalm 29:1-9       |
| 3 Compassion after Rejection              | Isaiah 54:1-10     |
| 4 God's Wrath against Nineveh             | Nahum 1:1-8        |
| 5 Fleeing from God's Call                 | Jonah 1:1-5        |
| 6 A Stormy Confession                     | Jonah 1:6-12       |
| 7 God's Sustaining Love despite Rebellion | Jonah 1:7-17       |

## Reading Through the Bible in a Year

### April

|                      |               |
|----------------------|---------------|
| 2 Judges 8,9         | Luke 8:22-56  |
| 3 Judges 10,11       | Luke 9:1-36   |
| 4 Judges 12,13,14    | Luke 9:37-62  |
| 5 Judges 15,16,17    | Luke 10:1-24  |
| 6 Judges 18,19       | Luke 10:25-42 |
| 7 Judges 20,21       | Luke 11:1-28  |
| 8 Ruth 1,2,3,4       | Luke 11:29-54 |
| 9 1 Samuel 1,2,3     | Luke 12:1-34  |
| 10 1 Samuel 4,5,6    | Luke 12:35-59 |
| 11 1 Samuel 7,8,9    | Luke 13:1-21  |
| 12 1 Samuel 10,11,12 | Luke 13:22-35 |
| 13 1 Samuel 13,14    | Luke 14:1-24  |
| 14 1 Samuel 15,16    | Luke 14:25-35 |
| 15 1 Samuel 17,18    | Luke 15:1-10  |
| 16 1 Samuel 19,20,21 | Luke 15:11-32 |
| 17 1 Samuel 22,23,24 | Luke 16:1-18  |
| 18 1 Samuel 25,26    | Luke 16:19-31 |
| 19 1 Samuel 27,28,29 | Luke 17:1-19  |
| 20 1 Samuel 30,31    | Luke 17:20-37 |
| 21 2 Samuel 1,2,3    | Luke 18:1-17  |
| 22 2 Samuel 4,5,6    | Luke 18:18-43 |
| 23 2 Samuel 7,8,9    | Luke 19:1-28  |
| 24 2 Samuel 10,11,12 | Luke 19:29-48 |
| 25 2 Samuel 13,14    | Luke 20:1-26  |
| 26 2 Samuel 15,16    | Luke 20:27-47 |
| 27 2 Samuel 17,18    | Luke 21:1-19  |
| 28 2 Samuel 19,20    | Luke 21:20-38 |
| 29 2 Samuel 21,22    | Luke 22:1-30  |
| 30 2 Samuel 23,24    | Luke 22:31-53 |

### May

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| 1 1 Kings 1,2   | Luke 22:54-71 |
| 2 1 Kings 3,4,5 | Luke 23:1-26  |
| 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 |

# TMBC Monthly Meetings

| Sunday – April 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 – May 1    |                                                                                      |
| 4:30              | Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room)                                                |
| Tuesday – May 2   |                                                                                      |
| 9:15              | Staff Meeting                                                                        |
| 6:00              | Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)                                          |
| Wednesday – May 3 |                                                                                      |
| 5:30              | Church in Fellowship (Wednesdays, Wilcoxson/Story)                                   |
| 6:00              | Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Chapel)                                           |
| 6:30              | Church in Study (Wednesdays, Educational Wing)                                       |
| 7:30              | Church in Prayer (Wednesdays, Sanctuary)                                             |
| Thursday – May 4  |                                                                                      |
| 4:45              | Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)                                         |
| 6:00              | Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursday before 1st Sunday, Sanctuary)                   |
| Friday – May 5    |                                                                                      |
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| Saturday – May 6  |                                                                                      |
| 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 (Saturday before 1st & 3rd Sundays, Chapel) |

# Flowers Enhancing the Beauty of the Sanctuary

are dedicated...

## April 2, 2017

In loving memory of deceased **Members of the Deacon's and Deaconess' Ministries**. Placed there by the Deacon's Ministry.

## April 9, 2017

In remembrance of **Gregory Shell and Monique Shell Bunch**. Placed there by Shell & Bunch Family, Ann Shell, Malcom Shell, Chris, Ethan, and Evan Bunch.

## April 16, 2017

In celebration of the 58th Wedding Anniversary of **Mr. & Mrs. Roosevelt Wise**. Placed there by their children & grandchildren, Allison, Bradley, Arshad, & Amirah.

## April 23, 2017

to the **Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church**.

## April 30, 2017

to the **Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church**.

# Important Announcements

**Annual Easter Lily Project - 2017**

**Deadline to register: April 2, 2017**

Donations for the Easter Lily Project can be submitted after worship service on the following dates: April 2, 2017. See Sis. Dorothy Smith for more information.

**Sunday Church School Annual Decision Day Youth Presentation**

**April 9, 2017, 9:30 am**

**Meet & Greet Reception for Pastor Will Hawk (Sponsored by the TMBC Ministers/Disciples & Group 10/21)**

**April 9, 2017, 3:00 pm**

**Sunday Church School Annual Night Sunday School**

**April 9, 2017, 5:00 pm**

**Maundy Thursday Worship**

**April 13, 2017, 7:00 pm**

**Sunrise Service**

**April 16, 2017, 6:30 am**

**Sunday Church School Annual Easter Children's Presentation**

**April 16, 2017, 9:00 am**

**Girls Growing in Grace Sleep In (Sponsored by Women & Girls' Ministry)**

**April 21-22, 2017, 6:00 pm**

For information see Dr. Kimberly Elyse or Sis. Michelle Johnson

**Super Saturday (Men & Boys and Women & Girls Ministries)**

**April 22, 2017, 9:00 am**

For information see Sis. Leanelle Simmons or Trustee Hervey Jenkins

**8th Annual Four Season's Tea (Sponsored by Group #2/16)**

**April 23, 2017, 3:00 pm**

For information, reservations, and donations, see Sis. Flora Clay

**Women & Girls' Choir Concert (Sponsored by Group #19)**

**April 29, 2017, 6:00 pm**

**The Church in Fellowship, Study, and Prayer**

**Wednesdays, March 2017**

The **Church in Fellowship** - begins at 5:30 pm in the main fellowship hall

The **Church in Study** - begins at 6:30 pm in the educational wing and Morris room

The **Church in Prayer** - begins at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

*Sunday School Teacher's meeting begins at 6:00 pm in the Chapel*

**SAVE THE DATES - - -**

June 7, 2017 - Wolverine State Congress Christian Education Banquet (Sagniaaw, MI)

June 10, 2017 - Usher Ministry Prayer Breakfast

June 17, 2017 - Salad Extravaganza (Group #7)

June 19-23, 2017 - National Congress of Christian Education (St. Louis, MO)

# Fellowship Hour

**April 2**  
No Fellowship Hour

**April 9**  
Psalm Sunday

**April 16**  
Easter Sunday

**April 23**  
No Fellowship Hour

**April 30**  
Group #29

# TMBC Monthly Meetings

| <b>Sunday – April 2, 2017</b> |                                                                                             |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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)                                                 |
| <b>Monday – April 3</b>       |                                                                                             |
| 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)                                                         |
| <b>Tuesday – April 4</b>      |                                                                                             |
| 9:15                          | Staff Meeting                                                                               |
| 10:00                         | AARP Chapter 4803 (2nd Monday/1st Tuesday, Morris)                                          |
| 6:00                          | Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)                                                 |
| <b>Wednesday – April 5</b>    |                                                                                             |
| 5:30                          | Church in Fellowship (Wednesdays, Wilcoxson/Story)                                          |
| 6:00                          | Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Chapel)                                                  |
| 6:30                          | Church in Study (Wednesdays, Educational Wing)                                              |
| 7:30                          | Church in Prayer (Wednesdays, Sanctuary)                                                    |
| <b>Thursday – April 6</b>     |                                                                                             |
| 4:45                          | Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursday before 2nd Sundays, Sanctuary)                               |
| 6:00                          | Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)                                          |
| <b>Friday – April 7</b>       |                                                                                             |
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| <b>Saturday – April 8</b>     |                                                                                             |
| 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                          | Women & Girls' Choir Rehearsal (Saturday before 2nd & 4th Sunday, Chapel)                   |

| <b>Sunday– April 9</b>      |                                                                                         |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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)                                             |
| <b>Monday – April 10</b>    |                                                                                         |
| 10:00                       | AARP Chapter 4803 (Morris Room)                                                         |
| 4:30                        | Prayer Partners (Quiet Room)                                                            |
| <b>Tuesday – April 11</b>   |                                                                                         |
| 9:15                        | Staff Meeting                                                                           |
| 6:00                        | Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)                                             |
| <b>Wednesday – April 12</b> |                                                                                         |
| 5:30                        | Church in Fellowship (Wednesdays, Wilcoxson/Story)                                      |
| 6:00                        | Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Chapel)                                              |
| 6:30                        | Church in Study (Wednesdays, Educational Wing)                                          |
| 7:30                        | Church in Prayer (Wednesdays, Sanctuary)                                                |
| <b>Thursday – April 13</b>  |                                                                                         |
| 12:00                       | Tab Tymers (Morris Room)                                                                |
| 4:45                        | Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)                                            |
| 6:00                        | Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)                                      |
| 6:00                        | Northwestern Alumni Association (Thursday after 2nd Sunday, Wilcoxson Room)             |
| <b>Friday – April 14</b>    |                                                                                         |
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| <b>Saturday – April 15</b>  |                                                                                         |
| 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 (Saturday before 1st & 3rd Sundays, Sanctuary) |

| <b>Sunday – April 16</b>    |                                                                                             |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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)                                                 |
| <b>Monday – April 17</b>    |                                                                                             |
| 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)           |
| <b>Tuesday – April 18</b>   |                                                                                             |
| 9:15                        | Staff Meeting                                                                               |
| 6:00                        | Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)                                                 |
| <b>Wednesday – April 19</b> |                                                                                             |
| 5:30                        | Church in Fellowship (Wednesdays, Wilcoxson/Story)                                          |
| 6:00                        | Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Chapel)                                                  |
| 6:30                        | Church in Study (Wednesdays, Educational Wing)                                              |
| 7:30                        | Church in Prayer (Wednesdays, Sanctuary)                                                    |
| <b>Thursday – April 20</b>  |                                                                                             |
| 1:00                        | Westsider's Executive Board Meeting (Deaconess Room)                                        |
| 2:00                        | Westsiders (Morris Room)                                                                    |
| 4:45                        | Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)                                                |
| 6:00                        | Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)                                          |
| 6:00                        | Northwestern Alumni (Morris Room)                                                           |
| <b>Friday – April 21</b>    |                                                                                             |
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| <b>Saturday – April 22</b>  |                                                                                             |
| 9:00                        | Super Saturday (Fellowship Hall)                                                            |
| 12:00                       | Quilting, Crocheting, and Knitting Class (Saturdays, Room 2159)                             |
| 12:00                       | Narcotics Anonymous (NA, Beechwood Campus)                                                  |
| 1:00                        | Women & Girls' Choir (Saturday before 2nd & 4th Sunday, Sanctuary)                          |

| <b>Sunday – April 23</b>    |                                                                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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)                        |
| <b>Monday – April 24</b>    |                                                                    |
| 4:30                        | Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room)                              |
| <b>Tuesday – April 25</b>   |                                                                    |
| 9:15                        | Staff Meeting                                                      |
| 6:00                        | Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)                        |
| <b>Wednesday – April 26</b> |                                                                    |
| 5:30                        | Church in Fellowship (Wednesdays, Wilcoxson/Story)                 |
| 6:00                        | Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Chapel)                         |
| 6:30                        | Church in Study (Wednesdays, Educational Wing)                     |
| 7:30                        | Church in Prayer (Wednesdays, Sanctuary)                           |
| <b>Thursday – April 27</b>  |                                                                    |
| 4:45                        | Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)                       |
| 6:00                        | Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursday before 1st Sunday, Sanctuary) |
| <b>Friday – April 28</b>    |                                                                    |
|                             |                                                                    |
| <b>Saturday – April 29</b>  |                                                                    |
| 12:00                       | Quilting, Crocheting, and Knitting Class (Saturdays, Room 2159)    |
| 12:00                       | Narcotics Anonymous (NA, Beechwood Campus)                         |



# HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

|                                   |                                                                  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday, April 9, 2017, 9:00 am    | Palm Sunday<br>Decision Day Youth Program                        |
| Sunday, April 9, 2017, 5:00 pm    | Palm Sunday<br>Night Sunday School                               |
| Thursday, April 13, 2017, 7:00 pm | Maundy Thursday Observance                                       |
| Friday, April 14, 2017, 11:45 am  | Good Friday "Seven Last Words"<br>Westside Ministers' Fellowship |
| Sunday, April 16, 2017, 6:30 am   | Sunrise Worship Service                                          |
| Sunday, April 16, 2017, 9:00 am   | Easter Children's Program                                        |
| Sunday, April 16, 2017, 11:00 am  | Resurrection Morning Worship Service                             |



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Everyone is welcome.

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Spring

To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under the heaven. Eccl. 3:1

Join the **Pleasant Sunday Hour Group**  
Deacon's Group #2 - 16 as they present the

## 8th Annual Four Seasons Tea

Sunday, April 23, 2017  
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm



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**Come One, Come all to the  
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***Bowling Fun Night!***

**Saturday, May 27, 2017 - 6PM-10PM**

**Woodland Lanes**

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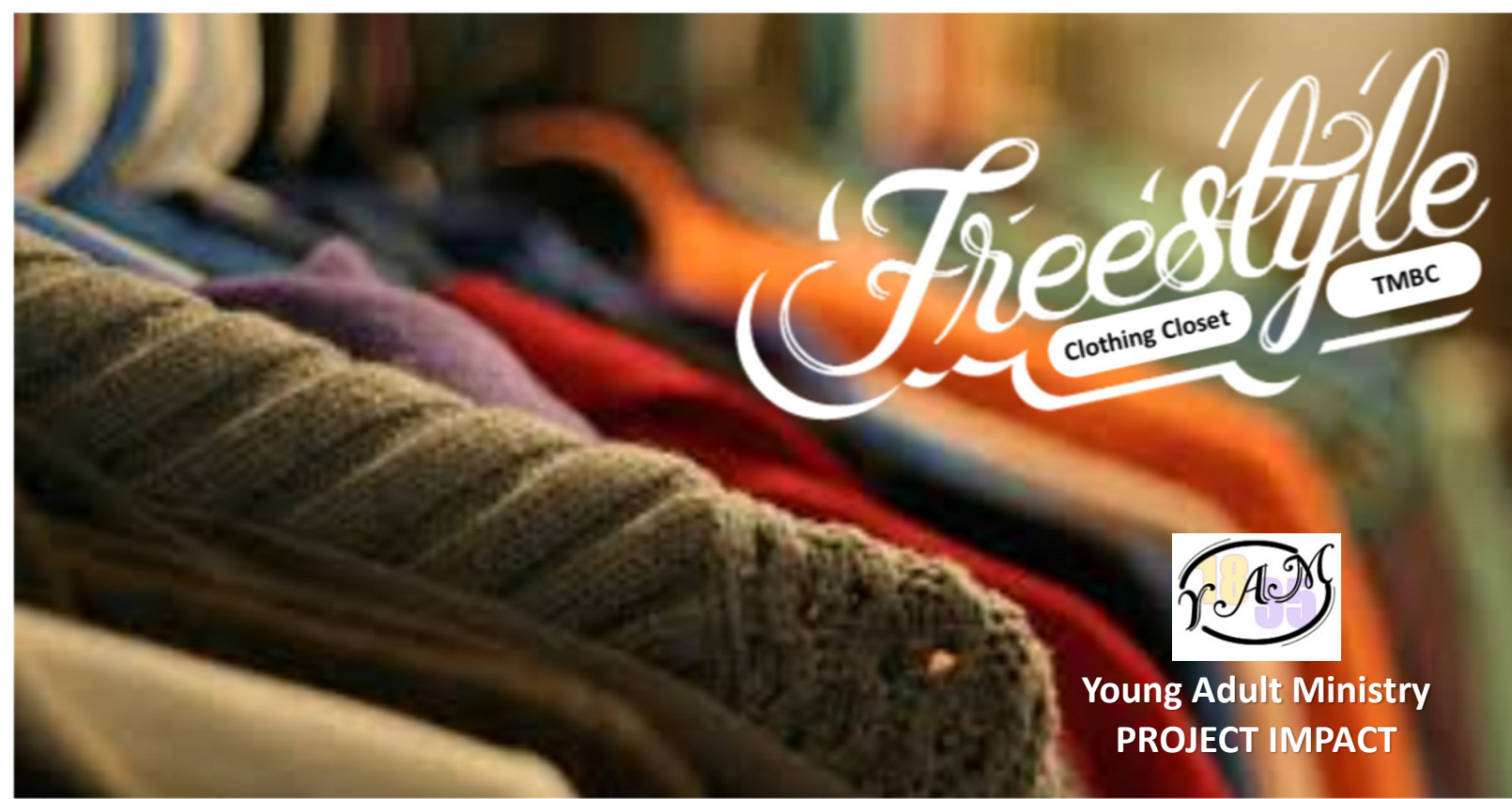


## Young Adult Ministry Partners with H.O.P.E. to Provide Ministry to our Community

Free Style, formally known as the Tabernacle Clothes Closet, was started by Sis. Gloria Whittington, where she served the community at the Tabernacle Beechwood Campus faithfully for over 25 years. When Sis. Whittington decided to retire, the Young Adult Ministry was approached by Rev. Sam Spruill about the need to keep this important ministry going for the community. We met and collectively decided that this is our Acts 20:35. We have been looking for something to bring us together in fellowship and service, so this has been a blessing. Our motto is "Take what you need and leave what you don't!"

Working logistically with Tabernacle, H.O.P.E. and CRU, we have done a ton of renovation to several rooms to offer everyday clothing for all ages and genders downstairs and church/business clothing upstairs. God has been so good to us (2 Corinthians 9) with the clothes that we couldn't stop there. With more renovation, we now offer groceries from our new food pantry. Washing machines, dryers, and refrigerators in our Home Appliance department to furniture and art work in our Home Furnishing department. Thanks to the soup kitchen and Forgotten Harvest for supplying our produce section. We add a touch of class to what we do as the people deserve.

Our vision is to continue renovation and expansion adding a medical supply room, toy room, and electronics/ tools room. We want Free Style to not only be a place for those who are visibly in need, but also for those who aren't. There are many who can't afford a suit to wear to church or have out grown most of their clothes to wear to work. Come to Free Style and get what you



need and leave what you can no longer use. We are in need of more volunteers on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday from 2:30pm to 4:30pm and occasionally during the week for sorting clothes, there is no age requirement for your service. Bring us your clothes, toys, electronics, can goods, travel size toiletries and medical equipment (Moderately used and in working order). Tax write-off available for donations and volunteer hours. Youth hours are recorded for school credits.

From our officers Brianna Johnson (YAM President), Sakinah Shabazz (YAM Vice President), Najee Iposu (YAM Finance Chair), Trustee Steven Clarke (Director of Human Concern), Jason Sharpe (Free Style Manager), Tayana Williams (Free Style Manager of Food Distribution), Courtney Johnson, Tamera White, Shanika Coach, Lauren and Michael Cobb would like to thank Pastor Johnson and Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church leadership and staff, Rev. Spruill and H.O.P.E., Rev. Robinson and CRU, Sis. Cynthia Harrington and the Free Style kitchen ministry, and all our wonderful volunteers helping us make this possible.

