

Come Home To Family

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Nehemiah 2:17-18

Freedom

This time of year many are celebrating and some reflecting upon the Declaration of Independence and the Emancipation Proclamation. These two documents point to independence, one the independence of American colonies from Great Britain and the other the freeing of the slaves. Both of these primarily deal with a kind of political liberation. Thank God for political freedom, but there is another type of liberty that is much more significant. It is the liberation of the soul, spiritual freedom. Many people are enslaved by the cruel, unrelenting slave-master called sin. It is hard to talk about sin without people taking offense. This is due to the fact that sin is "self" in rebellion toward God. This rebellion promises freedom but it only enslaves.

This enslavement is a life void of freedom, it is a life of confinement. People who are not free are slaves to fettering manifestation of this rebellion toward God. It restricts their movement. People who are not free cannot move beyond their addictions and self destructive behaviors. People who are not free cannot move to personal wholeness and therefore are never able to enter into healthy relationships. Those who are confined often attempt to create a lifestyle of confinement for those with whom they have contact. The life that has no freedom produces a milieu of sour attitudes about life and tends to view people through the lens of cynicism. The freedom-less life is both negative and fearful of the future, it has no hope beyond this side. This really is a miserable life. These people may appear to be free due to freedom of physical activity and the enjoyment of some this worlds goods, but it takes more that this to be free.

Jesus has come to set every man, woman, boy and girl free. He is the only One who truly liberate. True liberate starts from the inside. It starts with the heart. Jesus frees us by dealing with the breach that our rebellion has caused.

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Highlights

Blight Busters Clean Up
July 6, 2013, 9:00 am
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**Grand Opening  
HOPE Learning Center**  
July 7, 2013, 1:00 pm  
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Vacation Bible School
July 8 - 12, 2013, 5:00 pm
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**Church Picnic**  
July 13, 2013, 10:00 am  
Warrendale Park

**2013 Boys Retreat**  
July 18 - July 20, 2013  
Carver Camp

**Women's Day Brunch**  
July 27, 2013  
10:00 am  
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Women's Day
July 28, 2013
11:00 am

Pastor's Preaching Schedule

Guest Lecturer
July 14 - 17, 2013
Metropolitan Baptist Church
of Albany, NY,
Dr. Damone Johnson, Pastor

Sunday Evening Services
July 21st 2013, 6:00 pm
Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church
395 Jake Way
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Emery Varrie, Senior Pastor

Sermon Topics

(all sermons by Pastor Johnson unless otherwise noted)

June 2 "What Matters the Most!"
1 Samuel 16:4-13

June 9 "With God, You Can Meet the Challenge"
1 Samuel 17:32-40

June 16 "Be the Man God Seeks!"
Acts 13:21-23

June 23 "Everybody Needs a Friend"
1 Samuel 18:1-5

June 30 "Behave Wisely"
1 Samuel 18:5-16

Deacon's Lesson

Authentic Relationships

Sharing God's Kindness

Build Authentic Relationships by Reestablishing the Art of "One Anothering."

Provide Scriptural support for sharing God's Kindness with Others

Overview: *In the world we live in today, people can be very cold and estranged. Scripture teaches us, "When Jesus saw the crowd; he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So prayer to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields" (Matthew 9:36-38, NLT).*

People around us need to be shown loving-kindness.

Jesus taught us to pray and be guided by the Spirit of God to fulfill His purpose as workers in His fields. Acts of kindness can be perceived as nonverbal demonstrations of God's love for us and toward others. Through loving kindness, they experience the comfort and assurance of God's care for them.

Sometimes when we as Christians attempt to show God's love through acts of kindness, we may be initially rejected. However, we must be diligent in seeking ways to be kind in order to see the miracle of one anothering unfold.

Loving kindness is not just a New Testament concept. It is reflected in God's character and His covenant love (*Hesed*) in all of Scripture. In the Old Testament, the Hebrew word, *Hesed*, is used. It denotes a gracious element in human relationships. It mainly describes exceptional acts of one human being to another to meet an extreme need outside of the normal run of perceived duty which arises from one's own personal affection or goodness. God in His grace and mercy shows such kindness to mankind. If we have experienced God's loving-kindness, we can demonstrate it to others.

As a body of believers we are called to a higher standard. *"Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will bless you for it (1 Peter 3:9, NLT).* When we share love and kindness with others, we become doers of the Word of God (James 1:22). As we trust God to take care of our needs, we are liberated to more freely share what we have with others. There is a great joy we can experience by giving. God measures our love for Him by the way we treat others.

"For I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me. ...Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me" (Matthew 25:35-36, 40).

Flowers Enhancing the Beauty of the Sanctuary

July 7

*To God Be The Glory!
Thank God for Family!
Family is a True Blessing!*

July 14

In Praise

*Sis. JoAnn Neal - 12 Years
Bro. Carl Brooks - 15 Years
And all Tabernacle
Cancer Over comers*

"For I know the plans I have for you" declares the Lord,
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11

"But thanks be to God, which giveth us victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ."
1 Corinthians 15:57

To God be the Glory

Placed there by

The Snodgrass Family

Placed there by

Sis. Jo Ann Neal & Bro. Carl N. Brooks

July 21

*In Celebration of the
25th Wedding Anniversary of*

Steve and Crystal Gillespie

"And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the
greatest of these is love."
1 Corinthians 13:13

July 16, 2013

Placed there by

Steve & Crystal

July 28

Celebrating Daughters of the King

*Reaching Out to One Another
Giving Honor to our Women who are
90 years and above*

Placed there by

The 2013 Women's Day Committee
Sister Meritha Johnson, Chairperson

Weekly Sunday School Lessons (and Daily Bible Readings)

TEMPLE RESTORED

Lesson 6 July 7

Devotional Reading:	Psalm 66:1-12
Background Scripture:	Ezra 3:8-13
Print Passage:	Ezra 3:8-13
Key Verse:	Ezra 3:11
1 "A Great and Wonderful House"	(2 Chronicles 2:1-9)
2 "Building a House for God's Name"	(1 Kings 8:14-21)
3 "My Name Shall Be There"	(1 Kings 8:22-30)
4 "A House of Prayer"	(Matthew 21:10-16)
5 "Make a Joyful Noise to God"	(Psalm 66:1-12)
6 "Lead Me in Your Righteousness"	(Psalm 5)
7 "Tears of Joy"	(Ezra 3:8-13)

DEDICATION OF THE TEMPLE

Lesson 7 July 14

Devotional Reading:	Ezra 5:1-5
Background Scripture:	Ezra 6
Print Passage:	Ezra 6:13-22
Key Verse:	Ezra 6:16
8 "Resistance to Rebuilding the Temple"	(Ezra 4:1-5)
9 "Accusations of Sedition"	(Ezra 4:11-16)
10 "Temple Construction Halted"	(Ezra 4:17-24)
11 "The Eye of God upon Them"	(Ezra 5:1-5)
12 "Who Gave You a Decree?"	(Ezra 5:6-17)
13 "The Temple's Official Endorsement"	(Ezra 6:1-12)
14 "The Temple's Dedication"	(Ezra 6:13-22)

FASTING AND PRAYING

Lesson 8 July 21

Devotional Reading:	2 Chronicles 7:12-18
Background Scripture:	Ezra 8:21-23
Print Passage:	Ezra 8:21-23
Key Verse:	Ezra 8:23
15 "Humbly Calling on God"	(2 Chronicles 7:12-18)
16 "Beseeching God's Answer to Prayer"	(Psalm 69:9-18)
17 "Humble and Contrite Spirit"	(Isaiah 66:1-4)
18 "Fasting Directed to God"	(Matthew 6:16-18)
19 "Studying and Keeping the Law"	(Ezra 7:1-10)
20 "Securing Servants for the Temple"	(Ezra 8:15-20)
21 "Praying for God's Protection"	(Ezra 8:21-23)

GIFTS FOR THE TEMPLE

Lesson 9 July 28

Devotional Reading:	Mark 12:38-44
Background Scripture:	Ezra 8:24-30
Print Passage:	Ezra 8:24-30
Key Verse:	Ezra 8:28
22 "A Single Offering for All Time"	(Hebrews 10:1-14)
23 "Stirred Hearts and Willing Spirits"	(Exodus 35:20-29)
24 "Bring Offerings before the Lord"	(Numbers 7:1-6)
25 "Contributing Tithes and Offerings"	(2 Chronicles 31:2-10)
26 "More Important than Offerings and Sacrifices"	(Mark 12:28-34)
27 "The Gift of a Poor Widow"	(Mark 12:38-44)
28 "The Offering for God's House"	(Ezra 8:24-30)

FESTIVAL OF BOOTHS

Lesson 10 August 4

Devotional Reading:	Exodus 23:12-17
Background Scripture:	Nehemiah 7:73b-8:18
Print Passage:	Nehemiah 8:13-18
Key Verse:	Nehemiah 8:17
29 "Rhythms of Work and Worship"	(Exodus 23:12-17)
30 "First Bring Your Offering"	(Leviticus 23:9-14)
31 "Celebrating God's Bounty to Us"	(Deuteronomy 26:1-11)
1 "Fostering the Memory of God's Deliverance"	(Leviticus 23:33-44)
2 "Gathering to Hear God's Word"	(Nehemiah 7:73b-8:6)
3 "Responding to God's Word"	(Nehemiah 8:7b-12)
4 "Discovering a Neglected Festival"	(Nehemiah 8:13-18)

Reading thru the Bible in a Year

July

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

August

1	Psalms 65,66,67	Romans 2
2	Psalms 68,69	Romans 3
3	Psalms 70,71,72	Romans 4
4	Psalms 73,74	Romans 5

Event Schedule

<i>Sunday - July 7</i>	<i>Sunday - July 14</i>
8:15 Dawn Seeker's Class (Fellowship Hall) 9:30 Sunday Church School 11:00 Morning Worship (Lord's Supper) 1:00 HOPE Learning Center Grand Opening (Beechwood Campus) 2:00 PRIVATE EVENT (Wilcoxson/Story) 6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) (Beechwood Campus)	8:15 Dawn Seeker's Class (Fellowship Hall) 9:30 Sunday Church School 11:00 Morning Worship (Baptism) 6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) (Beechwood Campus)
<i>Monday - July 8 - Vacation Bible School</i>	<i>Monday - July 15</i>
4:30 Prayer Partners (Quiet Room) 5:00 Vacation Bible School	10:00 AARP Chapter 4803 4:30 Prayer Partners (Quiet Room) 6:00 Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting (Room 2152) 6:00 Writer's Ministry (Room 2159)
<i>Tuesday - July 9 - Vacation Bible School</i>	<i>Tuesday - July 16</i>
9:15 Staff Meeting 11:00 PRIVATE EVENT (Morris Room) 5:00 Vacation Bible School 6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) (Beechwood Campus)	9:15 Staff Meeting 6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) (Beechwood Campus)
<i>Wednesday - July 10 - Vacation Bible School</i>	<i>Wednesday - July 17</i>
5:00 Vacation Bible School	6:00 Teacher's Bible Study (Room 2156) 7:00 Prayer & Praise Service (Chapel)
<i>Thursday - July 11 - Vacation Bible School</i>	<i>Thursday - July 18 - Boys' Retreat</i>
5:00 Vacation Bible School	12:00 TAB TYMERS - SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY (Morris) 5:00 Male Choir Rehearsal 5:30 Usher's Instruction 6:00 Silent Ministry 6:30 Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal
<i>Friday - July 12 - Vacation Bible School</i>	<i>Friday - July 19 - Boys' Retreat</i>
5:00 Vacation Bible School	4:00 PRIVATE EVENT (Sanctuary) 6:00 Liturgical Dance Ministry (Sanctuary) 6:00 Youth Council Meeting (Room 2159)
<i>Saturday - July 13 - Church Picnic</i>	<i>Saturday - July 20 - Boys' Retreat</i>
9:00 Church Picnic (Warrendale Park)	12:00 Quilting / Knitting Class (Room 2159) 12:00 N.A. (Narcotics Anonymous) (Beechwood Campus) 2:00 PRIVATE EVENT (Sanctuary)

Weekly Bible Study

Sunday

8:15 am. Dawnseeker's Class (FH)
9:30 am. Sunday Church School (All Ages)
9:30 am. New Member's Class (2153)

Weekly Bible Classes on Summer Recess.

Be Sure to Check Out the Following Study Opportunities!

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Dawnseeker's Class
Sunday Church School
Teacher's Bible Study
New Member's Class
Vacation Bible School
Christian Education Week

Event Schedule

Sunday - July 21	Sunday - July 28 - Women's Day
8:15 Dawn Seeker's Class (Fellowship Hall) 9:30 Sunday Church School 11:00 Morning Worship (Baby Dedication) 1:30 Health Ministry 2:00 Teen Council Meeting (Room 2159) 6:00 MARR-O-NOTS 6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) (Beechwood Campus)	8:15 Dawn Seeker's Class (Fellowship Hall) 9:30 Sunday Church School 11:00 Morning Worship 6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) (Beechwood Campus)
Monday - July 22	Monday - July 29
4:30 Prayer Partners - Quiet Room 6:00 Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting (Room 2152) 6:00 Writer's Ministry (Room 2159) 6:30 Sunday School Worker's Conference (Wilcoxson Room)	4:30 Prayer Partners - Quiet Room 6:00 Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting (Room 2152) 6:00 Writer's Ministry (Room 2159)
Tuesday - July 23	Tuesday - July 30
9:15 Staff Meeting 6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) (Beechwood Campus)	9:15 Staff Meeting 6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) (Beechwood Campus)
Wednesday - July 24	Wednesday - July 31
6:00 Teacher's Bible Study (Room 2156) 7:00 Prayer & Praise Service (Chapel)	1:00 Missionary Society Meeting (Story Room) 6:00 Teacher's Bible Study (Room 2156) 7:00 Prayer & Praise Service (Chapel)
Thursday - July 25	Thursday - August 1
5:00 Male Choir Rehearsal 6:00 Silent Ministry 6:30 Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal	5:00 Male Choir Rehearsal 6:30 Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal 6:00 Silent Ministry
Friday - July 26	Friday - August 2
6:00 Liturgical Dance Ministry (Sanctuary)	6:00 Liturgical Dance Ministry (Sanctuary)
Saturday - July 27 - Women's Day	Saturday - August 3
10:00 Women's Day Brunch (Wilcoxson/Story) 12:00 Quilting / Knitting Class (Room 2159) 12:00 N.A. (Narcotics Anonymous) (Beechwood Campus) 2:30 Contemporary Christian Chorale Rehearsal 4:30 PRIVATE EVENT (Morris)	12:00 Knitting / Quilting Class (Room 2159) 12:00 N.A. (Narcotics Anonymous) (Beechwood Campus) 1:00 Board of Deacons/Deaconess

"ROCK IT OUT! PRAISING THE LIVING GOD WITHOUT LIMITS"
Vacation Bible School ~ July 8-12, 2013 ~ 5:00 pm-8:00 pm nightly

Motto: *Praise be to my ROCK!*

Background Scripture: Psalm 18 (NIV)

Key Verse: "The **LORD** lives! Praise be to my **ROCK!** Exalted be **GOD** my **SAVIOR!** (Psalm 18:46).

Come join us for an interactive VBS experience for all ages that will challenge believers to look beyond themselves and their circumstances. We can let nothing hinder our praise! Together, let us look upward to God, our Rock, who has been faithful throughout the ages!

Fellowship Hour

July 7 / August 4 (First Sunday)
NO FELLOWSHIP HOUR

July 14
Women & Girls & Contemporary Choirs

July 21
Usher Ministry

July 28
Women's Day Committee

Prayer & Praise

July 3
Deaconess Ministry

July 10
Vacation Bible School

July 17
Compassionate Choir

July 24
Missionary Society

July 31
Tabernacle & Male Choirs

Sorosis Guild Goes for Gold!

The brothers and sisters of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church ran all night - literally. The Sorosis Guild participated in the Relay For Life Fund raiser held at Marygrove College June 15th. Over 50 teams comprised of churches, fraternities, sororities, and other organizations throughout the Metro Detroit area competed to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

For those not familiar with Relay For Life, here is a quick synopsis. Teams are divided into time shifts during the walk around the track at Marygrove College. Someone from the team has to be present on the walk trail at any given time over a 24-hour period. Games are held for children and there is food, beverages, and prizes. There is also a tent for cancer survivors and instructors educating people about cancer and the importance of research.

Relay For Life is special to the people of TAB, as chairperson, Anne Henry told the story of how the church got involved in the event. "Dr. Sampson was

diagnosed with cancer 15 years ago and he asked the members to participate in the fund raiser," Henry said. "The woman that was in charge of getting everyone together, left the church, so the Sorosis Guild decided to take it over."

For the past six years, Tabernacle has maintained on the "gold level," meaning they have raised 5,000 dollars or more each year for cancer research. That's more than any other church in the Metro Detroit area! So far, this year, the Sorosis Guild went over the mark by raising 5,200 dollars, but it's still not too late to contribute. The final count will be August 1st and anyone can send money to the American Cancer Society.

On behalf of the Sorosis Guild, team captain Charmaine Greenhouse and Chairperson Anne Henry, they would like to thank Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church and everyone that came out to support the event.

*-Written by Kyla Smith
(see page 10 for more photos)*



Our rebellion broke our relationship with God. There can be no freedom until we are reconciled with God, our Creator. God has chosen to reconcile man unto Himself through His Son, Jesus Christ. This reconciliation, and consequently our freedom come by the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ. The only way that any person can be set free is through Jesus Christ. It is only when one places their faith in the finished work of Christ that the fetters of sin can be broken. It is only by trusting Jesus enough to follow Him that one can be led out of the dungeon environment of sin. Only by trusting Jesus can the one experience the sweetness of life and begin to enjoy what real living has to offer. Jesus is the only one who can remove the scales of cynicism from our eyes in order that we can view the wonder of the image of God on every life. Nothing but complete faith in Jesus can set us from the wretchedness of a hopeless life. As we celebrate and reflect upon political freedom, let spend some considerable time reflecting upon and celebrate the freedom that is only found in Jesus Christ.

“When He put it in these terms, many people decided to believe. Then Jesus turned to the Jews who had claimed to believe in Him. “If you stick with this, living out what I tell you, you are my disciples for sure. Then you will experience for yourselves the truth, and the truth will free you.” Surprised, they said, “But we’re descendants of Abraham. We’ve never been slaves to anyone. How can you say, “The truth will free you’?” Jesus said, “I tell you most solemnly that anyone who chooses a life of sin is trapped in a dead-end life and is, in fact, a slave. A slave is a transient, who can’t come and go at will. The Son, though, has an established position, the run of the house. So if the Son sets you free, you are free through and through. ” (John 8:30–36, The Message)

Shalom!

Pastor Nathan Johnson

Rejoice in Dependence

Independence Day, July 4, is a day when citizens of America celebrate their Declaration of Independence and their freedom from the mandates of prior undesirable governance. While the freedom from unwanted forms of dependence may indeed be cause for celebration, we, as children of God, citizens of His kingdom, are more abundantly blessed. Our dependence upon Almighty God brings us joy and we are glad. We have much upon which to depend.

We have truth upon which we confidently rely and are empowered to live by in faith and in dependence, including:

- In dependence upon the truth that our God is an awesome God. He made the heavens and the earth and created us in His image.
- In dependence upon the truth that our God cannot lie. He is faithful. He will and does fulfill all of His promises. His mercies are new every morning.
- In dependence upon the truth that God will supply all of our needs according to His riches in glory. By His grace we are a new creation and more than conquerors.
- In dependence upon the truth that God has thoughts toward us that are thoughts of peace and not of evil. He has redeemed us from destruction.
- In dependence upon the truth that God has plans for each of us. He does not wish any of us to perish: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes upon Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.”
- In dependence upon the truth that if we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- In dependence upon the truth that, as promised by Christ Jesus, God sent His Holy Spirit to indwell us, to comfort, guide and teach us.

Independence from some things may be good and smart, but in dependence upon Almighty God is infinitely superior and wise.

So, today and every day, rejoice! Celebrate the blessing to be governed by and to live in dependence upon the above truths and all others revealed to us in the Word of God.

Get Connected

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- 7/6/13 Blight Busters Clean Up
Beechwood Campus, 9:00 am
- 7/7/13 Grand Opening HOPE Learning Center, 1:00 pm
- 7/8/13 Vacation Bible School, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm nightly through July 12, 2013
- 7/13/13 Church Picnic, 9:00 am
- 7/18/13 Boys Retreat
- 7/27/13 Women's Day Brunch, 10:00 am
- 7/28/13 Women's Day, 11:00 am

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Big Sisters Ministry - See Sis. Indira Pierce
- Bus Ministry - See Dea. Ulysses Hunter or Sis. Marguriete Winn
- Dance Ministry - See Sis. Debbie White-Hunt
- Door Monitors - See Dea. Theron Harley
- Evangelism - See. Rev. Willie Hawk
- Funeral Volunteers - See Sis. Bea Wright
- H.O.P.E. - See. Rev. Sam Spruill
- Male Chorus - See Dr. Walter McLean or Bro. Allen Wells
- Media Ministry - See Dea. Bob Clarke
- Nurse Ministry - See. Sis. Michelle Robinson
- Usher Ministry - See Sis. Christine Smith

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Women's Day Choir has begun rehearsals on Tuesdays at 5:30 pm. All women are invited to participate.

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The Missionary Ministry is asking for donations of gently used school uniforms. As the semester winds down and you are cleaning your closets, please donate your children's clothes for the back to school rally in August. Bins are in the cloak room now and will remain throughout the summer. We are asking for shirts, blouses, pants, skirts, jumpers, and sweaters. We are also asking for donations of new underwear and socks in all sizes for boys and girls. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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Once again Tabernacle's Clothing Den will be collecting seasonal clothing. We ask that all donated clothing be clean, gently used and folded. Casual clothing is preferred. Items may be dropped off at the Beechwood Campus (preferably on Thursdays between 10 am and 2 pm). Please attach your name, address, and telephone number. Children's clothing is appreciated since we will soon be preparing for the "Back to School Rally."

Sorosis Guild Goes for Gold! *(continued)*



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Prayer Requests - prayer@tmbcdetroit.org

Sick & Shut In

ARNOLD, Deaconess Viola
ATKINSON, Sis. Susie
BEASLEY, Sis. Oveda
BENNETT, Bro. Roland
BERYL-BANKS, Sis. Cynthia
BROOKS, Sis. Dorothy
BRUNSON, Bro. Todd
BURKE, Bro. Louis
BUSCH, Bro. Leon
BUTLER, Sis. Tonia
BYAS, Sis. Flora
CALLOWAY, Sis. Autrey B.
COLLINS, Sis. Ruth
DONALDSON, Sis. Willie B.
FERGUSON, Sis. Carol
GALE, Jr., Bro. Sheady
GALTNEY, Sis. Maxine
GRAY, Sis. Genene L.
GEORGE, Deacon John
GILCHRIST, Sis. Doris
GORDON, Bro. Walker
GRAY, Bro. James
GREEN, Sis. Pamela
HAMLIN, Sis. Eugenia
HAWKES, Bro. Earnest
HELMS, Bro. Thomas
HICKS, Rev. Dr. Gwendolyn
HICKS, Sis. Mary
HINES, Sis. Bernadine
HORTON, Sis. Carrie
HOWARD, Sis. Mary
HUNTER, Sis. Mary

JACKSON, Sis. Karen
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JONES, Sis. Jennie
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MANGRUM, Sis. Willie Belle
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MILLENDER, Sis. Sara
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RANDALL, Sis. Jessie
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SMITH, Sis. Chanel
THOMAS, Sis. Margaret
WARREN, Bro. Bruce
WARREN, Sis. Thelma
WINDOM, Sis. Eddie Maye
WOODS, Sis. Naomi
WOODY, Sis. Doris

Our Deepest Condolences for the month of June are extended to...

Mrs. Evelyn Green & family for the loss of
her uncle, Trustee Samuel B. May

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Sis. Virginia Donaldson & family for the loss  
of her sister, Sis. Maggie Jamasin

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Disciple Alvin White & family for the loss of
his sister, Sis. Deloris Hann

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Bro. Joseph & Sis. Cheryl Cole & family for  
the loss of his uncle,  
Bro. Spearman Benjamin Jones

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Bro. Gregory Thomas & family for the loss of
his aunt, Sis. Willie Mae Thompkins

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Sis. Anna Riggins & family for the loss of her  
uncle, Bro. Lawrence Hartwell

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Sis. Addie Moses & family for the loss of her
brother-in-law, Bro. Louis Moses. Also the
cousin of Dea. Jerry Moses

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Sis. Vivian Thomas & family for the loss of  
her husband, Bro. Arva Lee Thomas

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Bro. Walter and Sis. Connie Presley & family
for the loss of their grandson,
Bro. Rashad Harris

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Trustee Clifton and Sis. Bernice Bond &  
family for the loss of his sister,  
Sis. Bessie Theus

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Bro. William Cranshaw & family for the loss
of his wife, Sis. Allene Cranshaw. She was
also the mother of Sis. Faythe Taylor

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Every Sunday

Worship Service ..... 11:00 am

Sunday Church School ..... 9:30 am

Big Sisters - Children 2-1/2 - 5 yrs - C.D.C. .... 11:00 am

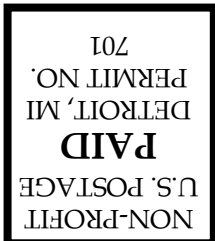
Celebration of Holy Communion • Every 1st Sunday (11:00 am)

Baptism • Every 2nd Sunday (11:00 a.m.) ..... 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)

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

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



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# Tab's Women's Day 2013 – a Powerful Stretch Across Generational Lines

## Missionary Society is Leading an Event Which Will Celebrate Tab's 42 Women Who are 90 Years Old or Older, Along with Several Other Hard-Working Honorees

Organizers of Tab's 2013 Annual Women's Day Celebration say that they probably couldn't hide their collective excitement over the event, even if they wanted to.

Sis. Meritha Johnson — president of Tab's Missionary Society, the ministry charged with leading Women's Day 2013 — exudes a “you-don't-want-to-miss-it” tone as she touts this year's program. The two-day Women's Day Celebration is set for Saturday, July 27 and Sunday, July 28, 2013.

The theme for this year's event is “Daughters of the King Reaching Out to One Another.” Featured speakers include Baltimore-based public health expert, and daughter of Tab, Jennifer Arice White, who will give the address at the Women's Day Brunch on



Saturday, July 27 at 10 a.m. The Sunday, July 28 Women's Day sermon will be delivered by Rev. April Hearn of Detroit's New Prospect Baptist Church.

“It will absolutely be a treat on Saturday as we will be bringing home one of our own – Jennifer White – back to Tab,” said Missionary President Meritha Johnson. “We will be able to see how much young Sis. White has grown and look forward to being thrilled as she connects with fellow young



people and with everyone else. The entire Prayer Breakfast/Brunch program incorporates both the younger and older members of the church. For example, there will be three prayers. One of the prayers will be done by the youth of the church praying for the children. Two other prayers will be done by ministers of Tabernacle.”

The Missionary Society president added that Rev. Hearn also is set to deliver an address with the power to cross generational lines. “On Sunday, Rev. Hearn will relate to both younger and older members,” said President Johnson. “Those who have heard her know she is a woman who has studied

the Bible and is rooted in the word of the Lord.”

Pastor Nathan Johnson said that Women's Day is always a significant celebration at Tabernacle.

“This time of year affords us an opportunity to thank God in a special way for a very vital component of our church – that is, the ministry of the sisterhood of our church,” said Pastor Johnson. “It is just like in the days of Jesus. The women who followed Jesus served him with energy and faithfulness and great sacrifice. The women of Tab work to serve him in the same way, and we are grateful for that.”



“Women's legacy of service at Tab extends to virtually every facet of the church”, Pastor Johnson added.

“We are so blessed here at Tabernacle because we have women who serve in so many different areas of service – in teaching, leadership, and even specific areas of ministry,” said Pastor Johnson. “When we look around and find women serving in areas through-



out the church, it gives us another chance to celebrate. We salute the women of the church and what God has allowed them to do through Tabernacle.”

### **Missionary Society Continues Legacy of Service and Leadership**

Pastor Johnson also emphasized that the leadership role of the Missionary Society in this year’s Women’s Day celebration focuses an important light on the inspirational history and continuing service of one of Tabernacle’s critical women’s organizations.

Take a look at virtually every ministry or organization at Tabernacle, and you’ll see the Missionary

Society’s work-worn fingerprints all over it. A short list of past and current Missionary Society activities would include packing hygiene bags to be distributed to the homeless at the Detroit Rescue Mission, providing new and used clothing for the Daughters of Destiny (a young mothers group) headed by Rev. Barbara Brown, and serving meals at Tab’s Autumn Fellowship at least four times a year.

“When we help out with Au-



tumn Fellowship, we cook the food, we prepare the food, and we serve them,” Missionary President Johnson explained. “We bring everything right down to the forks. Originally, we did this at Thanksgiving, and the members pointed out that Thanksgiving wasn’t enough, so we do it on a quarterly basis now. Because we pay for and provide the food, it brings at least a little financial relief to that ministry.”

The Missionary Society also annually raises funds and otherwise supports the 400-acre Camp Carver, which provides recreational, educational, and spiritual outings for youth. The camp was

formed in 1943 through the leadership of Tabernacle and other churches who are part of the Wolverine State Convention. Today, Carver stands as one of only two camps in the nation owned and operated by African-American Baptist conventions.

In addition, many of Tab's current programs and outreach efforts actually have roots in the Missionary Society. The society started Tab's first scholarship program and clothes closet for needy members and residents. The Big Sisters program also grew out of services provided by the Missionary Society.

For decades, members of Tab's Missionary Society have served as an up-and-doing heartbeat of the church's service and outreach efforts. The group's history is captured in several documents, including an official "History of the Missionary Society" published several years ago.

"The work of the department was two-pronged: home missions and foreign missions," the organization's statement of its history points out. "The program of the Missionary Society was outlined by the Women's Department of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. Tabernacle's Missionary Group participated denominationally at the national level and was also involved at the state and local levels."

## **A Missionary Society History Lesson**

Established almost immediately after the church's formation in 1920, the group served for decades as the women's organization of Tabernacle. Members have worked hard to sustain the "missionary" component of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, including periodically donating up to \$1,500 to the foreign mission board of the National Baptist Convention and rallying the entire Tabernacle membership to support foreign missionaries working in Africa.

These days, Tabernacle has numerous women's organizations, including the Women and Girls Ministry established during the pastoral leadership of Rev. Frederick G. Sampson II. Longtime church members, however, recall that for much of the church's history, the Missionary Society was the primary organization for women of the church.

Missionary President Johnson remembers a time when the Missionary Society was virtually synonymous with "the women of the church."

"At one point, just about all the women of the church were considered to be part of the Missionary Society, with the exception of the Deaconesses and, later, the Sorosis Guild."

The Society's structure was

consistent with guidelines established by the Women's Department of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. Missionary Societies in churches throughout the country were divided into sub-groups (called circles) largely based on age and, sometimes, marital status.

"Each of the groups carried out a specific charge," said Missionary President Johnson.

For example, very young children (ages 3 to 5) were members of the Sunshine Band. The Junior Red Circle included youth through junior high school, and the Senior Red Circle served high school-aged youths. Married women between the ages of 18 and 35 were part of the Young Matrons, while single women between 18 and 35 belonged to the Baptist Women's Association (BWA). The Sorosis Guild was formed out of a circle called the Twilight Group in 1947. According to the organization's official history, the guild "became the ecumenical arm of the Missionary outreach program of the church."

Both General Mission meetings and individual circle meetings were held once a month, usually on weekdays for adult members and on weekends for youth. Using mission books provided by the National Baptist Convention, meetings of the individual circles and the General Mission always

featured devotional periods which included reflections on lessons and assigned teachers.

The individual circles or subgroups of the Missionary Society eventually gave way to new and somewhat different organizations, beginning in the 1950s.

According to the official history of the Missionary Society, “neighborhoods began changing, and families moved out of the environs of the church.” That led to the disbanding of the circles. The general Missionary Society, however, still thrives, providing service and funding to almost all ministries and outreach efforts of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church.

In conjunction with Women’s Day activities, the Missionary Society is involved in yet another outreach activity. “We will be visiting a shelter and delivering items we have been collecting over the last several weeks,” noted Missionary President Johnson.

Pastor Johnson said Tab members who may be unaware of just how vital Missionary Society activities are to the church would do well to familiarize themselves with the organization.

“This year’s Women’s Day celebration is led by the Missionary Society of our church,” said Pastor Johnson. “Throughout the year – through acts of service – the society provides practical ex-

pressions of fulfilling the mission of Jesus Christ. Whether it’s supporting local missions or foreign missions, or whether it’s outreach or coming alongside some member through fellowship, we thank God for the leadership and service the Missionary Society provides.”

On Women’s Day, Tabernacle will salute the 42 women of the church who are 90-years-old or older. “These women came before us and taught us, and their lessons will stay with us because they took the time to teach us,” said Missionary Society President Johnson.

Meanwhile, six other honorees will be recognized for their service to Tabernacle and to Christ. While the names of the individuals will not be revealed to the congregation until Women’s Day weekend, Tabernacle’s Deaconess Marcel Robinson did agree to provide enticing hints.

\*All honorees have contributed much to the church and the community.

\*All are active in visiting the sick and shut-in.

\*Many of the honorees would not be known by name to most members of the church... but they are very often seen working.

\*All of the honorees are heavily involved in evangelism work.

\*Their ages are wide-ranging, with the youngest being 32 and the oldest 90 years old.

\*The honorees have about 200 combined years of membership.

\*They all are involved in

Christian Education Week, Vacation Bible School, Sunday school, and deacon’s groups.  
\*All attend one or more Bible classes.

\*All are involved in service or ministries for children and seniors.

\*Marcel Robinson says of the honorees: “All of them are familiar faces but they go about their service in such an unassuming way that you’d have no idea just how involved they are in their ministries.”

Although all women’s groups collaborate during annual Women’s Day activities, the leadership of Women’s Day rotates amongst the four major women’s groups of Tabernacle. While the leadership for this year’s event is being provided by the Missionary Society, members of the three other groups are assisting. The other major women’s groups are the Women and Girls Ministry, the Sorosis Guild, and the Deaconess Board.

The chairperson for this year’s Women’s Day Celebration is Missionary Society President Meritha Johnson. Sister Cheryl Bragg is vice-chairperson. For more information on Women’s Day activities, call (313) 898-3325.

*written by Deacon Danton Wilson*