

# Come Home To Family

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Nehemiah 2:17-18

## SURVIVAL!

Have you ever wondered how some people survive what appear to be insurmountable situations? The situation could be sickness, bereavement, divorce, unemployment or any challenge of life that surpasses one's ability to handle. How does one survive? How does one live on in spite of these things? David gives us the key to survival in Psalm 27: 13-14 - "I would have lost heart, unless I had believed That I would see the goodness of the Lord In the land of the living. Wait on the Lord; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the Lord!" (Psalm 27:13-14, NKJV)

We are often led to believe that life will have no challenging times, but that is not true. Life is full of "faint-able moments." Even great warriors like David had his "faint-able moments." Those are times when fainting was a possible and probable consequence. If we are honest, we have all faced such times. It may have been the difficult time of waiting in some hospital waiting room. Maybe it was the time you watched for the return home of your teenager on a stormy night. It could have been the nerve-twisting period between taking a test and receiving the results. In fact, it could be hearing the news that you will have to live with some debilitating disease. These kind of times and many others are too numerous to mention. These are moments that make the best of us faint. David teaches us that we have available to us an alternative to fainting. We do not have to allow our circumstances to cause us to lose heart.

The alternative we have according to this text is to "believe." The word that David uses means to "have confidence." The object of his confidence directly defined the sufficiency of the confidence that David had. This is not self-confidence. Self-confidence is important in life but self-

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## Pastor's Preaching Schedule

Wolverine State Congress One Day Work Shop - "Stewardship"  
*Thursday, October 3, 2013 ~ 10:00am*

### **Mt Zion Baptist Church**

120 Roberson  
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007

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Joint Communion Service

*October 6, 2013 ~ 6:00pm*

### **Trinity Missionary Baptist Church**

113-123 Wessen St.  
Pontiac, Michigan 48341

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2013 Word Conference: Rediscovering the Word of God in the House of God  
Pastor Johnson will Present the Wordshop Titled: "The Word and Its Worth"

*October 15-17, 2013 ~ 9:00am-11:00am*

### **Shepherd's Tent Ministries**

South San Francisco, California

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Area Wide City Revival

*October 23-25, 2013*

### **New Hope Baptist Church**

Seaside, California

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Preaching Engagement

*October 27, 2013*

### **New Hope Baptist Church**

Grand Rapids, Michigan

## Sermon Topics

(all sermons by Pastor Johnson unless otherwise noted)

September 1	"Pause and Pray" <i>2 Samuel 2:1-4</i>
September 8	"God's Way or No Way" <i>2 Samuel 6:1-15</i>
September 15	"Teach Me to Live on Purpose" <i>Psalms 90:12</i>
September 22	"Don't Miss It" <i>Hebrews 3:15-4:1</i>
September 29	"Now Is The Right Time" <i>2 Corinthians 6:1-2</i>

# Deacon's Lesson

## "True Community-The Biblical Practice of Koinonia"

### Lesson 1: Introduction

**Objective:** To introduce the true meaning of Christian fellowship (Koinonia) and its biblical practices.

*"For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ." (Philippians 1: 5-6)*

#### Introduction:

For the past seven (7) years the Writer's Ministry has written lessons that focus on the unity of the Church body and our spiritual relationships with one another. We began our first lesson with the "One Another Scriptures" written by the Apostle Paul. We proceeded to the Church Covenant which explains our commitment to God and our fellow believers. Our third assignment was taken from book "Never Alone Church" which emphasized the fact that we were created as relational beings who were intended to have spiritual relationships with God and others. Our last assignment came from Wayne and Clay Jacobsen's book on "Reestablishing the Art of One Anothering" which provides scripture support for loving others in the manner that God loves us.

This fall, we are embarking on a new study entitled "True Community -The Biblical Practice of Koinonia" written by Jerry Bridges. The Greek word Koinonia means true spiritual fellowship as practiced by the New Testament Church. It can further be defined as *close association involving mutual interests and sharing, association, communion, fellowship, and close relationship*. This definition may also include *an attitude of good will that manifests an interest in a close relationship, generosity, fellow-feeling, altruism*. As we proceed in this study you may find that it requires sharing God's word versus simply carrying out the usual social activities such as drinking coffee or eating together while discussing current events and etc. These latter events can be construed as Christian fellowship but in essence are not much different than everyday social fellowship.

*"And, they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers."*  
(Acts 2:42)

Due to our salvation in Jesus Christ, we all share a common life in Christ. When we are in Christ, this gives us a new identity by the indwelling by the Holy Spirit.

As we begin to study the principles of Koinonia, we will cover the following four areas:

- Relationship - sharing together the very life of God
- Partnership - a community of believers in action for Christ
- Communion With Others - revealing to other Christians what God has done in our lives
- Sharing Material Possessions - sharing your belongings with others in need

# Flowers Enhancing the Beauty of the Sanctuary

**October 6**

**October 13**

*In Tribute and in Loving Memory of  
Our Founders on Our 66th Founder's Day Anniversary*

*Sis. Beatrice Abrams\* ~ Sis. Erma Holloway\*  
Sis. Martha Jackson\* ~ Sis. Ruth Kennebrew\*  
Sis. Annie Sanderling\* ~ Deaconess Elizabeth Witt\*  
Dr. Pearl Walker McNeil*

*Placed there by the*  
Sorosis Guild  
Sis. Sharon Ruff-Fuggett, President

(\*Deceased)

*In Loving Memory of My Wife*

*Delcenia Crawley*

*Placed there by*  
Emile Crawley, Jr. & family

**October 20**

**October 27**

*In Loving Memory*

*Rev. Dr. Frederick G. Sampson, II*

*Placed there by the*  
Deacons' Ministry  
Deacon Isaac Washington, Chairman

*In Loving Memory*

*Deceased Members of the Hospitality Committee*

*Placed there by the*  
Hospitality Committee

# Weekly Sunday School Lessons (and Daily Bible Readings)

## THE PROMISE OF A FUTURE

### Lesson 6 October 6

Devotional Reading:	Hebrews 11:8-16
Background Scripture:	Genesis 12:1-7
Print Passage:	Genesis 15:5-21
Key Verse:	Genesis 15:18
30 "The Faith of Abraham"	(Hebrews 11:8-16)
1 "The Call of Abram"	(Genesis 12:1-7)
2 "Settling in the Land"	(Genesis 13:8-18)
3 "The Land and the Covenant"	(Genesis 17:1-8)
4 "The Covenant Recounted and Renewed"	(Joshua 24:1-13)
5 "The Covenant Remembered"	(Psalm 105:1-11)
6 "The Covenant with Abraham"	(Genesis 15:5-21)

## A PROMISE TO SARAH

### Lesson 7 October 13

Devotional Reading:	Isaiah 51:1-6
Background Scripture:	Genesis 17:15-17;18:9-15;21:1-7
Print Passage:	Genesis 17:15-17;18:9-15;21:1-7
Key Verse:	Genesis 21:2
7 "A Childless Wife"	(Genesis 11:27-32)
8 "A Beautiful Wife"	(Genesis 12:10-20)
9 "A Threatened Wife"	(Genesis 16:1-6)
10 "The Promise of a Covenant"	(Genesis 17:18-22)
11 "Dispelling the Competition"	(Genesis 21:8-14)
12 "Mourning a Beloved Wife"	(Genesis 23:1-6)
13 "Bearing a Child of Promise"	(Genesis 17:15-17;18:9-15;21:1-7)

## BLESSINGS FOR ISHMAEL AND ISAAC

### Lesson 8 October 20

Devotional Reading:	Hebrews 11:17-22
Background Scripture:	Genesis 15-17;21:9-21; 26:1-25
Print Passage:	Genesis 21:12-14,17-21;26:2-5,12,13
Key Verse:	Genesis 21:12,13
14 "The Promise of Many Descendants"	(Genesis 15:1-6)
15 "A Child Born in Affliction"	(Genesis 16:7-16)
16 "The Symbol of the Covenant"	(Genesis 17:9-14)
17 "Abraham's Test of Faith"	(Genesis 22:1-8)
18 "Abraham's Obedience Blessed"	(Genesis 22:9-18)
19 "The Blessed of the Lord"	(Genesis 26:26-31)
20 "Blessing Two Family Branches"	(Genesis 21:12-14,17-21;26:2-5,12,13)

## THE BLESSING PASSES TO JACOB

### Lesson 9 October 27

Devotional Reading:	John 4:1-15
Background Scripture:	Genesis 27,28;32:22-30;35:9-15
Print Passage:	Genesis 28:1a,10-22
Key Verse:	Genesis 28:15
21 "One Greater than Jacob"	(John 4:1-15)
22 "The Plot to Gain a Blessing"	(Genesis 27:1-10)
23 "Planning the Deception"	(Genesis 27:11-17)
24 "A Blessing Gained Through Deceit"	(Genesis 27:18-29)
25 "Jacob Received God's Blessing"	(Genesis 32:22-30)
26 "Jacob's Name Changed to Israel"	(Genesis 35:9-15)
27 "God's Assurance for Jacob"	(Genesis 28:1,10-22)

## GOD PREPARES FOR DELIVERANCE

### Lesson 10 November 3

Devotional Reading:	Exodus 4:10-16
Background Scripture:	Exodus 1-4
Print Passage:	Exodus 3:7-17
Key Verse:	Exodus 3:16b, 17a
28 "Oppression Under a New King"	(Exodus 1:7-14)
29 "The King's Evil Plan"	(Exodus 1:15-22)
30 "The Sparing of the Infant Moses"	(Exodus 2:1-10)
31 "Moses Flees from Pharaoh"	(Exodus 2:15-25)
1 "The People Worship God"	(Exodus 4:27-31)
2 "Moses' Encounter with God"	(Exodus 3:1-6)
3 "Moses' Commission from God"	(Exodus 3:7-17)

## Reading thru the Bible in a Year

### October

1	Isaiah 22,23	Ephesians 3
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

# Event Schedule

<i>Sunday - October 6</i>	<i>Sunday - October 13</i>
8:15 Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson) 9:30 Sunday Church School 11:00 Morning Worship (Lord's Supper) 11:00 Children's Ministry (1st & 3rd Sundays) 1:30 Group #7 (1st Sunday, Wilcoxson) 1:30 Group #26/28 (1st Sunday, Deaconess Room) 2:00 Children's Ministry Parent Meeting (Morris Room) 6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) (Beechwood Campus) 6:00 FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY: <b>JOINT COMMUNION SERVICE - TRINITY MBC, PONTIAC</b>	8:15 Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson) 9:30 Sunday Church School 11:00 Morning Worship (Baptism) 1:30 Group #15 (2nd Sunday, Room 2173) 1:30 Group #19 (2nd Sunday, Wilcoxson) 1:30 Group #2/16 (2nd Sunday, Morris Room) 5:00 Sing-A-Rama (2nd Sunday October, Sanctuary) 6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) (Beechwood Campus)
<i>Monday - October 7</i>	<i>Monday - October 14</i>
4:30 Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room) 6:00 Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting (Mondays, Room 2152 ) 6:00 Writer's Ministry (Mondays, Room 2156) 6:00 Super Saturday Women & Girls' Committee Meeting (Monday after 1st Sunday, Room 2159)	10:00 AARP Chapter 4803 (2nd Monday/1st Tuesday, Morris) 4:30 Prayer Partners (Quiet Room) 6:00 Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting (Room 2152) 6:00 Writer's Ministry (Room 2156) 6:00 Teen Girls' Retreat Meeting (Monday after 2nd Sunday, Room 2159)
<i>Tuesday - October 8</i>	<i>Tuesday - October 15</i>
9:15 Staff Meeting 6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) (Beechwood Campus) 5:30 Women & Girls' Choir Rehearsal (Tuesdays, Chapel)	9:15 Staff Meeting 6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) (Beechwood Campus) 5:30 Women & Girls' Choir Rehearsal (Tuesdays, Chapel)
<i>Wednesday - October 9</i>	<i>Wednesday - October 16</i>
12:00 Wednesday Noon Bible Study (Wednesdays, Morris Room) 6:00 Teacher's Bible Study (Wednesdays, Room 2156) 7:00 Prayer & Praise Service (Wednesdays, Chapel)	12:00 Wednesday Noon Bible Study (Wednesdays, Morris Room) 6:00 Teacher's Bible Study (Wednesdays, Room 2156) 7:00 Prayer & Praise Service (Wednesdays, Chapel)
<i>Thursday - October 10</i>	<i>Thursday - October 17</i>
8:30 TAB Tymers' Outing (Off Site) 5:00 Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room) 5:30 Thursday Night Bible Class (Thursdays, Room 2156) 6:00 Silent Ministry (Thursdays, Room 2164) 6:30 Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)	12:00 Tab Tymers (Thursday after 2nd Sunday, Morris Room) 5:00 Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room) 5:30 Thursday Night Bible Class (Wednesdays, Room 2156) 6:00 Silent Ministry (Thursdays, Room 2164) 6:30 Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)
<i>Friday - October 11</i>	<i>Friday - October 18</i>
4:45 Girl Scout Troop 41261 (Friday after 1st Sunday, Wilcoxson) 6:00 Friday Night Bible Study (Fridays, Room 2156) 6:00 Women & Girls' Ministry Steering Committee Meeting (Morris Room)	5:30 Discipleship Workshop (Wilcoxson) 6:00 Friday Night Bible Study (Fridays, Room 2156) 6:00 Women & Girls' G3 Outing (Friday after 2nd Sunday, Wilcoxson)
<i>Saturday - October 12</i>	<i>Saturday - October 19</i>
8:00 PRIVATE EVENT (Wilcoxson) 8:45 MEDCCE - Metropolitan District Congress of Christian Education (2nd Saturday, Carver Camp) 11:00 Cherub Choir Informational Meeting & Rehearsal 12:00 Quilting, Crocheting, and Knitting Class (Saturdays, Room 2159) 12:00 N.A. (Narcotics Anonymous) (Beechwood Campus) 1:00 Contemporary Christian Chorale Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room) 2:00 Blessed Hearts Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room) 3:00 Genesis Youth Usher Practice (Saturday before 2nd Sunday)	9:00 PRIVATE EVENT (Morris Room) 12:00 Quilting, Crocheting, and Knitting Class (Saturdays, Room 2159) 12:00 N.A. (Narcotics Anonymous) (Beechwood Campus) 1:00 Contemporary Christian Chorale Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room) 2:00 Blessed Hearts Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room) 2:00 PRIVATE EVENT (Wilcoxson)

# Event Schedule

<p><b>Sunday - October 20 - Nurse Guild Ministry's Anniversary</b></p> <p>8:15 Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson)            9:30 Sunday Church School            11:00 Morning Worship (Baby Dedication)            11:00 Children's Ministry (1st &amp; 3rd Sundays)            1:30 Group #1 (3rd Sunday, Chapel)            1:30 Group #10/21 (3rd Sunday, Room 2173)            1:30 Group #12 (3rd Sunday, Wilcoxson)            1:30 Group #18 (3rd Sunday, )            1:30 Group #25 (3rd Sunday, Room 2156)            1:30 Group #29 (3rd Sunday, )            1:30 Group #4 (3rd Sunday, )            1:30 Health Ministry (3rd Sunday, )            1:30 Teen Council Meeting (3rd Sunday, Room 2159)            6:00 Marr-O-Nots Fellowship (3rd Sunday, )            6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) (Beechwood Campus)</p>	<p><b>Sunday - October 27</b></p> <p>8:15 Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson)            9:30 Sunday Church School            11:00 Morning Worship            1:30 Group #19 (4th Sunday, Wilcoxson)            1:30 Group #20/24 (4th Sunday, Morris)            1:30 Group #6/23 (4th Sunday, )            6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) (Beechwood Campus)</p>
<p><b>Monday - October 21</b></p> <p>4:30 Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room)            6:00 Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting (Mondays, Room 2152)            6:00 Writer's Ministry (Mondays, Room 2156)            6:00 Super Saturday Women &amp; Girls' Committee Meeting (Monday after 3rd Sunday, Room 2159)            6:30 Sunday School Worker's Conference (Monday after 3rd Sunday, Choir Room)</p>	<p><b>Monday - October 28</b></p> <p>4:30 Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room)            6:00 Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting (Mondays, Room 2152)            6:00 Writer's Ministry (Mondays, Room 2156)</p>
<p><b>Tuesday - October 22</b></p> <p>9:15 Staff Meeting            6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) (Beechwood Campus)            5:30 Women &amp; Girls' Choir Rehearsal (Tuesdays, Chapel)</p>	<p><b>Tuesday - October 29</b></p> <p>9:15 Staff Meeting            6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) (Beechwood Campus)            5:30 Women &amp; Girls' Choir Rehearsal (Tuesdays, Chapel)</p>
<p><b>Wednesday - October 23</b></p> <p>12:00 Wednesday Noon Bible Study (Wednesdays, Morris Room)            6:00 Teacher's Bible Study (Wednesdays, Room 2156)            7:00 Prayer &amp; Praise Service (Wednesdays, Chapel)</p>	<p><b>Wednesday - October 30</b></p> <p>12:00 Wednesday Noon Bible Study (Wednesdays, Morris Room)            1:00 Missionary Society Meeting (Wednesdays after 4th Sunday, Wilcoxson)            6:00 Teacher's Bible Study (Wednesdays, Room 2156)            7:00 Prayer &amp; Praise Service (Wednesdays, Chapel)</p>
<p><b>Thursday - October 24</b></p> <p>2:00 PRIVATE EVENT (3rd Thursdays, Morris Room)            5:00 Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)            5:30 Thursday Night Bible Class (Thursdays, Room 2156)            6:00 Silent Ministry (Thursdays, Room 2164)            6:30 Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)</p>	<p><b>Thursday - October 31</b></p> <p>5:00 Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)            5:30 Thursday Night Bible Class (Thursdays, Room 2156)            6:00 Silent Ministry (Thursdays, Room 2164)            6:30 Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)</p>
<p><b>Friday - October 25</b></p> <p>4:45 Girl Scout Troop 41261 (Friday after 3rd Sunday, Wilcoxson)            6:00 Friday Night Bible Study (Fridays, Room 2156)            6:00 Women &amp; Girls' Ministry Steering Committee Meeting (Morris Room)</p>	<p><b>Friday - November 1</b></p> <p>11:30 Circle of Care/Health Ministry (Morris)            6:00 Friday Night Bible Study (Fridays, Room 2156)</p>
<p><b>Saturday - October 26</b></p> <p>8:30 Super Saturday Men (Saturday before 4th Sundays, Morris Room)            9:00 Super Saturday Women (Saturday before 4th Sundays, Wilcoxson)            12:00 Quilting, Crocheting, and Knitting Class (Saturdays, Room 2159)            12:00 N.A. (Narcotics Anonymous) (Beechwood Campus)            1:00 Contemporary Christian Chorale Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room)            2:00 Blessed Hearts Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room)            5:00 Monitor's Appreciation Meeting (Morris Room)            6:00 Children's Ministry Game Night (Wilcoxson Room)</p>	<p><b>Saturday - November 2</b></p> <p>7:30 Minister/Disciples' Meeting (Saturday before 1st Sunday, Morris Room)            10:00 Leadership Council (Saturday before 1st Sunday, Room 2156)            12:00 N.A. (Narcotics Anonymous) (Beechwood Campus)            1:00 Deacons/Deaconess Ministry Meetings (Saturday before 1st Sunday, Morris Room)            1:00 Contemporary Christian Chorale Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room)            2:00 Blessed Hearts Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room)</p>

## October 6/November 3 (First Sunday)

NO FELLOWSHIP HOUR

### October 13

Men & Boys Ministry  
(Rev. Terry Robinson)

Boy Scouts  
(Bro. John Bracey)

### October 20

Friday Night Bible Study  
(Rev. Willie Hawk)

Noon Day Bible Study  
(Rev. Terry Robinson)

### October 27

Deaconess Ministry  
(Sis. Eula Rice)

### October 2

Marr-o-nots  
(Bro. Kevin Kennedy)

### October 9

Big Sisters  
(Sis. Indira Pierce)

Nurses Guild Ministry  
(Sis. Michelle Robinson)

### October 16

Group #29  
(Dea. Robert Friday)

### October 23

Women & Girls' Choir &  
Contemporary Christian Chorale  
(Sis. Teresa Youngblood)

### October 30

Trustees' Ministry  
(Trustee Kerry Caliman)

### November 6

Monday Night Bible Study  
(Rev. Debra Carter)

Thursday Night Bible Study  
(Rev. Patricia Mobley)

## Weekly Bible Study

### Sunday

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

### Weekday Classes Resume November 2013

#### Monday

6:00 pm..... Rev. Debra Carter (Room 2156)

#### Tuesday

6:30 pm..... Pastor Nathan Johnson - Adults (Morris Room)  
Rev. Dennis Kitchen - Youth (Room 2176)  
Rev. Willie Hawk - Children (Room 2156)

### Weekday Classes Resume October 2013

#### Wednesday

12:00 noon..... Rev. Terry Robinson (Morris Room)

#### Thursday

5:30 pm..... Rev. Patricia Mobley (Room 2156)

#### Friday

6:00 pm..... Rev. Willie Hawk (Room 2156)



confidence is inadequate in the midst of insurmountable situations. Neither is David placing his confidence in people. Without a doubt we all need people in our lives, but there are some things that are beyond the help of people. We often suffer the disappointment of misplaced confidence. We have placed our trust in that which fails under the pressure of adverse circumstances. The secret to David's survival is the object of his confidence. David's confidence was in the Lord.

This confidence allowed him to believe in the present ability of the Lord to deliver him while he yet lived. David calls this delivering ability the "goodness of the Lord." The word "goodness" means the "good things" that the Lord does. When we look closely at the entirety of Psalm 27, we will discover that the deliverance that David talks about is primarily "deliverance in" and not "deliverance out." Yes, the Lord does deliver us out of some things, but it is also a "good thing" that the Lord does when he delivers us in some things. In other words, it is a "good thing" to have the Lord give you light in your darkness. It is a "good thing" to have the Lord give you liberation in your tight spaces. He gives you the ability to function successfully in dysfunctional places. It is the hope, the surety of expectation that counters the "fainting" possibility of David's experiences. It is what we know about the Lord's modus operandi that comforts

us. The Lord has a traceable history with us. Our very life is the direct consequence of the "good things" we have already experienced. This irrefutable history of the Lord of "good things" ought to encourage us to maintain our confidence in Him.

David's words of encouragement found in verse 14 are applicable for us today. Instead of taking matters into our own hands, David says, "wait on the Lord." Instead of throwing up your hands in despair, "wait on the Lord." The word "wait" means to hope, to look forward with confidence. This means that you and I should possess an expectation that allows us to see beyond our present circumstance. What we see is the Lord who keeps on doing "good things" for us. David also says, "Be of good courage." Simply put, we are told to "be strong." The benefit of this "waiting" is a "strengthened" heart. The initial benefit is not immediate deliverance in or out of your situation. The Lord "strengthens your heart" as the initial benefit of "waiting on Him." He gives us the ability to endure, the ability to survive and not faint. I, like David, encourage you to keep on believing in the Lord of "good things." Keep looking forward with confidence that the Lord will come through for you.

Shalom!  
Pastor Johnson

## THE FREENESS OF SALVATION

Isaiah 55:1

As the summer comes to an end, often our minds quickly begin to think about the change of seasons, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the New Year. There is something about the consistency of these events and dates. Something that we know we can count on. For as long as we have been alive the Sun has always risen in the east and always sets in the west. The seasons always change and Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the New Year always come.

There exists a consistency regarding God's offer of salvation, something that we can count on. Every single day of our lives before we accept Christ, God consistently offers the free gift of salvation. He is consistently merciful, consistently compassionate, consistently patient, and consistently forgiving. Most of all, His love is consistently steadfast. Lamentations 3:22-23 says, "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Because of God's consistency, "we believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial, penitent, and obedient faith; and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth but his own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the gospel; which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation." These statements are taken from The New Hampshire Baptist Confession of 1833 otherwise known as the Articles of Faith. This 6th Article of Faith (The Freeness of Salvation) expresses a belief about God which is sometimes taken for granted. God desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth (see 1 Timothy 2:4). When this belief is applied in the life of Christians, it leads us to share with the lost, the free gift of salvation, which God desires for all people. Evangelism is about what we believe about God rather than what we disbelieve about people. God calls, we should answer. Once we answer, God commands us go, we should go and make disciples. Our going should be consistent, full of mercy, full of compassion, full of patience, and full of love. Can God count on you to deliver His gospel to a lost and dying world?

# Get Connected

## FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- 10/6/13 Joint Communion Service at  
Trinity MBC, 6:00 pm
- 10/10/13 TAB Tymers Outing
- 10/12/13 MEDCCE meets at Carver  
Camp, 8:45 am
- 10/12/13 Cherub Choir Rehearsals  
Resume & Parent Informational  
Meeting, 11:00 am
- 10/13/13 Sing-A-Rama Family  
Fellowship, 5:00 pm
- 10/18/13 Discipleship Workshop, 5:30 pm
- 10/20/13 Nurse's Guild Anniversary
- 10/21/13 Sunday Church School Worker's  
Conference, 6:30 pm
- 10/26/13 Super Saturday Men's Meeting,  
8:30 am
- 10/26/13 Super Saturday Women's  
Meeting, 9:00 am 10/26/13  
Monitor's Appreciation Dinner,  
5:00 pm
- 10/26/13 Children's Ministry Game  
Night, 6:00 pm

## TMBC JOB OPPORTUNITIES

### CHURCH FINANCIAL SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER

Professional accounting and bookkeeping skills required with a minimum of three years experience including current software experience, Quickbooks, Office Applications and Excel. All interested candidates please submit your resumes by October 30, 2013 to: Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1037, Farmington, MI 48332.

### DIRECTORS OF YOUTH and CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Under the leadership of the Dean of Music, the Directors of Youth and Children's Choirs is expected to select and arrange appropriate music for each of the choirs, maintain music files/library, conduct weekly rehearsals and instruct the children in appropriate music and performance skills. All interested candidates please submit your resumes by October 30, 2013 to: Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church at Box 1037, Farmington, MI 48332.

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Metropolitan District Congress of Christian Education will not hold its regular 2nd Saturday meeting at Tabernacle this month. Instead the Congress will convene at Carver Camp. Please see Sis. Irma Wise for more information.

H.O.P.E. Sunday Cafe resumes October 6, 2013 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Dinners including BBQ Ribs, BBQ Chicken, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Rolls, and Dessert will be available. The Cafe is located at the Tabernacle Community Center at 6125 Beechwood, Detroit, MI 48210. Call 313-897-5503 for more information.

SAVE THE DATE: The Faith, Hope, and Love Optimist Club is sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast November 16, 2013 from 9:00 am to Noon.

SAVE THE DATE: Our Church's Anniversary is coming! Keep in mind your commitments. The 2013 theme is, "*Come Home to Family: Restore the Village*" *Hebrews 10:23-25 (HCSB)*.

**November 8, 2013** the Worship Arts Ministry will kickoff the anniversary with a concert from the Male Choir at 7:00 pm.

**November 9, 2013** we will celebrate together in a brunch where the guest speaker, Dr. Tellis Chapman will be featured.

**November 10, 2013** we will culminate our celebration in worship where Dr. Elliot Cuff will be our guest preacher.

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## Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church

### *Fall Bookstore Hours*

#### SUNDAYS

Following Worship Celebration

#### TUESDAYS

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

#### WEDNESDAYS

11:00 am - 12:00 noon

1:00 - 2:00 pm

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TAB is a place to  
*BELONG* not  
just *ATTEND!*

# 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  
BRYANT, Sis. Mattie  
BURKE, Bro. Louis  
BUSCH, Bro. Leon  
BUTLER, Sis. Tonia  
BYAS, Sis. Flora  
CALLOWAY, Bro. Autry B.  
COLLINS, Sis. Ruth  
DONALDSON, Sis. Willie B.  
EVANS, Bro. George  
FERGUSON, Sis. Carol  
GALE, Jr., Bro. Sheady  
GALTNEY, Sis. Maxine  
GRAY, Sis. Genene L.  
GEORGE, Deacon John  
GILCHRIST, Sis. Doris  
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

HUNTER, Bro. James  
JACKSON, Sis. Karen  
JOHNSON, Sis. Ruby  
JONES, Sis. Helen  
JONES, Sis. Jennie  
LINEBARGER, Deaconess Nazell  
LOGAN, Sis. Norma  
LYNCH, Sis. Willie B.  
MANGRUM, Sis. Willie Belle  
MARTIN, Disciple Joan  
MAYFIELD, Dr. Jean  
McKEE, Sis. Johnnie M.  
McNEIL, Dr. Pearl Walker  
McNEIL, Sis. Pecie  
MILLENDER, Sis. Sara  
MILLENER, Bro. Michael  
MORRIS, Sis. Dorothy  
NEAL, Sis. Lois  
O'NEAL, Bro. James  
PRUITT, Sis. Bessie  
RANDALL, Sis. Jessie  
ROBERTS, Sis. Mildred  
SMITH, Sis. Chanel  
STEWART, Sis. Sharon  
THOMAS, Sis. Margaret  
WARREN, Bro. Bruce  
WARREN, Sis. Thelma  
WINDOM, Sis. Eddie Maye  
WOODY, Sis. Doris

## Our Deepest Condolences for the month of September are extended to...

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Sis. Doris Brown & family for the loss of  
her mother, Sis. Mattie Lee Neely.

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Rev. Dr. Joyce Moore & family for the  
loss of her cousin, Bro. Leonard Eston.

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Dea. Kenneth and Sis. Viola Hubbard  
& family for the loss of his brother, Bro.  
Clifford Hubbard.

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Sis. Bobbye Adams & family for the loss  
of her husband, Bro. Franklin Delano  
Adams.

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Sis. Florine Smith & family for the loss of  
her husband, Bro. Ira Smith.

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Bro. Jayson and Sis. Tyshara Hall &  
family for the loss of their infant child.

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Bro. Hosea and Sis. Tressie Grant &  
family for the loss of her mother, Sis.  
Marie Harper.

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Sis. Mable Taylor & family for the loss of  
her son, Bro. Robert Taylor.

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Bro. Thomas Quarterman & family  
for the loss of his mother, Sis. Dorothy  
Morris.

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Sis. Nancy Lane & family for the loss of  
her mother, Sis. Georgia Lane.

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Sis. Mayola Brown & family for the loss  
of her brother, Trustee Joel Jones.

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Sis. Mollie McQuinn & family for the  
loss of her sister, Sis. Beulah Bowman.

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Sis. Lois Scrutchin & family for the loss  
of her cousin, Bro. James Bill Wooden

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Sis. Lois Scrutchin & family for the loss  
of her aunt, Sis. Margaret Smith

*Please call the church office with information.*

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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Every Sunday

Worship Service ..... 11:00 am

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

Big Sisters - Children 2-1/2 - 5 yrs - Child Development Center ..... 11:00 am

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

Baptism • Every 2nd Sunday (11:00 am) ..... Dedication of Babies • Every 3rd Sunday (11:00 am)

Children's Worship Celebration • Every 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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*Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church  
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November 8 & 10, 2013

Friday Concert 7:00 pm  
Brothers in Song  
Tabernacle Men's Choir

Saturday Brunch 11:00 am

Reverend Dr. Tellis J. Chapman,  
Gallilee Missionary Baptist Church,  
Detroit, MI

Sunday Worship Service 11:00 am

Dr. Elliott Cuff, Senior Pastor  
Lincoln Heights Missionary Baptist Church  
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## Anniversary Concert 2012

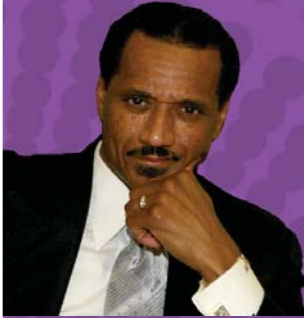


## Anniversary Brunch 2012



# Weekend Speakers

## Saturday Brunch



The **Reverend Tellis Jerome Chapman** is a very dynamic individual and one of the more charismatic leaders and devoted Baptist Ministers in the Greater Metropolitan Detroit area. He is the Pastor of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan. Currently, he serves as President of the Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention of the State. In 2007, Pastor Chapman was honored by the Detroit Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference as Pastor of the Year.

## Sunday Worship

**Reverend Elliott Cuff** is the senior pastor of the Lincoln Heights Missionary Baptist Church, Woodlawn, Ohio. Dr. Cuff is known as a visionary leader who builds his ministry around transforming the lives of the disadvantaged, the disenfranchised and the distressed masses through an anointed message of the Gospel that promotes liberation, empowerment, and deliverance; especially for families and individuals broken through the power of sinful displacement. He is a strong advocate for economic self-sufficiency, for community based education and educational reform, in restoring moral, economic, social integrity and wholeness to depressed communities.



<sup>23</sup>Let us hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us be concerned about one another in order to promote love and good works, <sup>25</sup>not staying away from our worship meetings, as some habitually do, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:23-25, HCSB