

# COME HOME TO FAMILY

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## God Keeps His Promise

Hebrews 6:13-15(ESV)

*“For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, saying, “Surely I will bless you and multiply you.” And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise.”*

Broken promises have become common place for the world we live in. Warranties are made invalid by the fine print at the end of the document. Guaranties are conditional. Contracts are now subject to interpretation. Pre-nuptial agreements mean more now than the vows we make before God. Many people have experienced great injury and disappointment due to the bankruptcy of promises made. This has caused us to be very cynical when it comes to promises. This cynical view concerning promises has caused us to view every promise with suspect. Many even view the very Word of God through skeptical lens. The Hebrew Christians were being encouraged by their non-Christian friends to distrust the promise of God that was and is in Christ Jesus. The text for our consideration counters that dissuasion by declaring **“God Keeps His Promise.”**

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## Come Home to Family

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# Evangelism Ministry Article

Commencement is the time to rejoice for those graduating from high schools, colleges and universities, technical schools and every institution of learning. Graduates are entitled to celebrate after years of study and painful, long hours of hard work. The saying "anything worth-while is worth working for" is certainly true at commencement, when graduates receive recognition for their worthy accomplishments. The definition of the word "commencement," however, is not that something has ended, but the opposite; commencement signals a new beginning.

Commencement looks forward, anticipating that one is now prepared to move to the next level. Some graduates commence to attain higher education; others, to being gainfully employed in a calling for which they have long prepared. Jesus, the Son of God, is an excellent example of One who had long anticipated commencing His incomparable ministry on earth, to which He had been called before the foundation of the world.

Before His earthly birth, Jesus enjoyed eternity with His Father. The Word of God says He was in the beginning with God and without Him, nothing was made that was made. In due time, Jesus was born into the world fully God and fully man, conceived by the Virgin Mary through the power of the Holy Ghost. At thirty years of age, He commenced His earthly ministry after He was baptized by John the Baptist, who proclaimed, "Behold the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world." After three years of amazing ministry, Jesus was crucified and died on the cross. Three days later, He arose in victory from death and the grave. His earthly work was finished in obedience to His Father's will. Jesus Christ

was now ready to commence His eternal ministry as Lord and Savior over all those who believe in Him.

Regardless of our many titles and degrees, there is no commencement to match the new life in Christ which commences when sinners confess belief in Jesus as Lord and Savior. Immediately upon belief, a sinner receives the indwelling, sanctifying presence of the Holy Spirit and the promised new, regenerated life commences. This new life has eternal consequences. Jesus has promised to return to receive all believers to Himself. Those who die in Christ will rise up first to meet Him in the air, and those who still live will follow them, and all believers will be forever with the Lord. There will be a great celebration when all our labors are recognized and we receive our reward in heaven.

Those who know Christ are ambassadors, indebted to Him to share the Gospel with everyone, unbelievers and believers as well. We are called to go out into our neighborhoods, throughout our cities and into the world to reach those who are lost.

Yes, Jesus Christ lives--and new life in Christ commences with Him. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Our earthly degrees may, in some ways, help us serve Him better, but they will not get us into heaven. Only those who believe will be privileged to raise thunderous shouts of joy when Christ appears and we are gathered to Him. Let us be ready for that Great Commencement Day when King Jesus commends the faithful by saying, "Well done, my good and faithful servant!" Let us do the work of an evangelist. Commence now to follow the Master! Commence now to tell the world the good news of Jesus Christ.

# MONTHLY LESSON OVERVIEW

## “True Community - The Biblical Practice of Koinonia”

### **Lesson 9: Supporting Your Local Ministry**

#### **Goal:**

To learn what true community is and to practice biblically-based Koinonia.

#### **Objective:**

To experience koinonia by supporting lay people, local ministers and pastors who teach and preach the gospel of Jesus Christ.

#### **Scripture:**

“Anyone who receives instructions in the word must share all good things with his instructor” (Galatians 6:6).

#### **Overview:**

We have learned over the past months that a basic meaning of koinonia as a relationship is a sharing together of the common life we have in Christ. One of the principle expressions of koinonia is to share what we have with others. This month’s lesson emphasizes the practice of biblical-based Koinonia by supporting our local pastor, lay people and ministries. The pastor, lay

people and other ministers provide invaluable support and instructions to aid people in building their relationship with the Lord according to the Scripture. How can anyone place a monetary price on such a magnificent purpose? Author, Jerry Bridges, acknowledges a deacon’s statement about the pastor this way: “What a refreshingly different viewpoint from the all-too-common one that puts great emphasis on the church building while neglecting or inadequately seeing to the care of those who make our church buildings valuable.” In essence, our pastor, assistant pastors, and serving ministers, deacons, deaconesses, and trustees along with other hardworking church members are our most valuable assets over the beautiful edifice that God has allowed us to worship in and serve Him.

Failure to acknowledge pastors, ministers and lay people who prepare to teach and preach the gospel create feelings of indifference among the church family and minimize the sharing of heartfelt experiences and new insights that enable spiritual growth throughout the church. Koinonia is an expression of a sharing relationship. Paul’s letter to

the Galatians teaches; “Anyone who receives instructions in the Word must share all good things with his instructor. (Galatian 6:6) Our appreciation from the momentum gained from learning and hearing the Word of God should prompt a natural response to give and share our possessions with the instructors of the Word.

#### **Sharing With Our Teachers:**

Paul places a strong emphasis on reciprocal sharing. “Anyone who receives instruction in the Word... that is, those who are taught the Scriptures have a duty to care for the material needs of those who labor in teaching. This is another New Testament expression of fellowship. The value we place on earthly possessions can become expressions of gratitude to those who provide divine instructions for salvation leading to everlasting life, serving God, and wholesome Christian living. Paul illustrates a principle for expressing gratitude and receiving spiritual blessings in the following scripture passage. The question Paul asks, “If we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap a material harvest from you?” (1 Corinthians 9:11).

# Pastor's Article

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## 1. "For when God made a promise to Abraham..."

a. **The strength of any promise is based on the one who promises.** It almost seems unnecessary to go any farther, because the one who is the promisor is God. We are living in a different time than the original hearers of this message. The time we live in has caused us to question the veracity of God while using our own minds as a determining agent of truth. The original hearers possessed an unquestionable reverence for the veracity of God. The writer is seeking to move his hearers from the distraction of the dissuaders to consider the absurdity of doubting God. At the very heart of the Hebrew Christian's consideration to "draw back" from their faith in Jesus Christ is to flirt with the idea that God cannot be trusted.

b. Coming from Judaism, they would have been familiar with Abraham and his story. In fact, Abraham served as a paradigm of faith, even to the Jews. They would have known that God made a promise to Abraham, and because there was none greater than himself, God swore by Himself. These believers did not suffer from the delirium of pluralism. They knew that God was God, and there was no one greater. They understood that people's opinions about God did not diminish or enlarge God. Sometimes we allow what people say about God to lessen God in our eyes. We permit our circumstances to become the definer of God and His ability. These believers would have known that Abraham simply took God at His Word. Abraham did this because there was no other Word that mattered.

## 2. "Surely I will bless you and multiply you."

a. **God says these words to Abraham several times along the way. He reiterates these words in order for Abraham not to allow his circumstances to become the negator of the promise.** When Abraham started out, God made this promise. When Abraham experienced separation in his life from Lot, God told him again (*when people leave and seemingly takes*

*the best with them*). When Abraham thought he had come up with a self made strategy (Eliezer and Ishmael), God repeated the promise (*when it seems like you have to come up with your own plan*). Even when Abraham was called upon to sacrifice Issac, the promised son and hope of fulfillment of the promise, God reiterated the promise (*when it seems like we will lose it all*).

b. **We must learn that God keeps His Word in spite of what may be or may not be going on in our lives.** The veracity of the promise of God is not contingent on anything outside of Himself. The writer wanted his hearers to know, just as situations in the life of Abraham did not cancel the promise of God; their situation would not either. Because God is bigger than any circumstance, His promise is bigger than any circumstance.

## 3. "And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise."

a. Now the writer turns to the responsibility of the promisee. This is not about a condition that makes the promise true. This is about what it takes to experience the promise. The promise is true regardless of our response. This does not mean that Abraham would have automatically obtained the promise. The scripture says that he "patiently waited."

i. The Greek word translated here is makrothumeo. Makrothumeo is a compound word made up of makro—long and thumeo—suffer. The meaning is to suffer long, to endure, to forbear. This word means to not become impatient and make hasty decisions due to painful experiences.

ii. This verb is parsed as an aorist/active/participle. The aorist tense is the tense of decision. The active voice is the voice of the subject being responsible for the action. The participle aspect creates the mood of continuity. In other words, Abraham chose from all his other options to wait on God no matter how difficult and to keep on waiting.

# Promises (from page 1)

b. It meant twenty-five years of waiting, but God kept His Word. It did not take God twenty-five years to perform His promise. God in is His infinite wisdom took His time. God's timing is always perfect. The writer is seeking to persuade his hearers to consider the forbearance of Abraham and allow it to be a motivation for them to hold on and not be impatient toward the promise. We live in a microwave society; we want what we want and we want it now. However, sometimes we have to wait. We can be sure that if we are waiting on the promise of God, He keeps His Word.

Shalom!

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Senior Pastor

# Announcements

## Important Announcements

### Relay for Life

**June 14-15, 2014**

Join the Sorosis Guild again this year as we run/walk for a cause. Sign up and pledge today!

### Freedom Journey (Gleaners Group #25)

**June 28, 2014**

Saturday, June 28, 2014 join #Group 25 - Gleaners as we take a freedom journey from "Midnight to Dawn" on the trail of the Underground Railroad. Departure will be at 8 am from the Southfield Public Library (Evergreen/11 Mile Rd.), returning after dinner in Chatham, Ontario at 8 pm. We will travel by bus on this inspiring day which will be filled with history told by the descendents of those who lived it.

The trip includes lunch and requires payment by Wednesday, June 9. Dinner in Chatham, Ontario will be at a preselected fine restaurant in the area. For further information contact Bonita Herzfeld or Glessie Gilchrist. Call the church office for contact information.

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# TMBC Monthly Meetings

<b>1st Sunday – June 1</b>	
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	Cherub/Youth Choir Rehearsal (1st & 3rd Sunday, Morris)
1:30	Group #7 (1st Sunday, Wilcoxson)
6:00	Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)
<b>Monday – June 2</b>	
4:30	Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room)
6:00	Hospitality (Monday after first Sunday, Wilcoxson Room)
6:00	Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting (Mondays, Room 2152)
6:00	Monday Night Bible Class (Mondays, Room 2156)
6:00	Writer's Ministry (Mondays, Room 2159)
6:00	Super Saturday Women & Girls' Committee Meeting (Monday after 1st & 3rd Sundays, Room 2159)
6:45	MEDCCE Choir Rehearsal (Mondays, Sanctuary)
<b>Tuesday – June 3</b>	
9:15	Staff Meeting
10:00	AARP Chapter 4803 (2nd Monday/1st Tuesday, Morris)
6:00	Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)
6:30	Family Bible Study Adults (Tuesdays, Morris Room) Youth (Tuesdays, Room 2176) Children (Tuesdays, Room 2156)
<b>Wednesday – June 4</b>	
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)
<b>Thursday – June 5</b>	
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)
<b>Friday – June 6</b>	
6:00	Friday Night Bible Study (Fridays, Room 2156)
<b>Saturday – June 7</b>	
11:00	Sorosis Guild (Saturday after 1st Sunday, Room 2156)
12:00	Quilting, Crocheting, and Knitting Class (Saturdays, Room 2159)
12:00	Narcotics Anonymous (NA, Beechwood Campus)
1:00	Contemporary Christian Chorale Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room)
2:00	Scholarship Committee (Saturday after 1st Sunday, Room 2152)
2:00	Blessed Hearts Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room)
2:30	Women & Girls' Choir Rehearsal (Tuesdays, Chapel)
3:00	Genesis Youth Usher Practice (Saturday before 2nd Sunday, Usher Room)

# TMBC Monthly Meetings

<p><b>2nd Sunday – June 8</b></p> <p>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 #2/16 (2nd Sunday, Morris Room)            6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) (Beechwood Campus)</p>	<p><b>3rd Sunday – June 15</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 Cherub Choir Rehearsal (1st &amp; 3rd Sundays, Morris)            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, Story)            1:30 Group #25 (3rd Sunday, Room 2156)            1:30 Group #29 (3rd Sunday, Room 2161)            1:30 Group #4 (3rd Sunday, Room 2165)            1:30 Teen Council Meeting (3rd Sunday, Room 2159)            1:30 Marr-O-Nots Fellowship (3rd Sunday, Room 2176/2179)            6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) (Beechwood Campus)</p>
<p><b>Monday – June 9</b></p> <p>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 Monday Night Bible Class (Mondays, Room 2156)            6:00 Writer's Ministry (Mondays, Room 2159)            6:00 Teen Girls' Retreat Meeting (Monday after 2nd Sunday, Room 2159)            6:45 MEDCCE Choir Rehearsal (Mondays, Sanctuary)</p>	<p><b>Monday – June 16</b></p> <p>4:30 Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room)            6:00 Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting (Mondays, Room 2152 )            6:00 Monday Night Bible Class (Mondays, Room 2156)            6:00 Writer's Ministry (Mondays, Room 2159)            6:00 Super Saturday Women &amp; Girls' Committee Meeting (Monday after 1st &amp; 3rd Sundays, Room 2159)            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)            6:45 MEDCCE Choir Rehearsal (Mondays, Sanctuary)</p>
<p><b>Tuesday – June 10</b></p> <p>9:15 Staff Meeting            6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)            6:30 Family Bible Study            Adults (Tuesdays, Morris Room)            Youth (Tuesdays, Room 2176)            Children (Tuesdays, Room 2156)</p>	<p><b>Tuesday – June 17</b></p> <p>9:15 Staff Meeting            6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)            6:30 Family Bible Study            Adults (Tuesdays, Morris Room)            Youth (Tuesdays, Room 2176)            Children (Tuesdays, Room 2156)</p>
<p><b>Wednesday – June 11</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 – June 18</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>Thursday – June 12</b></p> <p>5:00 Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)            5:30 Thursday Night Bible Class (Wednesdays, Room 2156)            6:00 Northwestern Alumni Association (Thursday after 2nd Sunday, Wilcoxson Room)            6:00 Silent Ministry (Thursdays, Room 2164)            6:30 Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)</p>	<p><b>Thursday – June 19</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 – June 13</b></p> <p>6:00 Friday Night Bible Study (Fridays, Room 2156)</p>	<p><b>Friday – June 20</b></p> <p>6:00 Friday Night Bible Study (Fridays, Room 2156)</p>
<p><b>Saturday – June 14</b></p> <p>11:00 Evangelism Meeting (Saturday before 3rd Sunday, Room 2156)            12:00 Quilting, Crocheting, and Knitting Class (Saturdays, Room 2159)            12:00 Narcotics Anonymous (NA, Beechwood Campus)            1:00 Contemporary Christian Chorale Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room)            2:30 Women &amp; Girls' Choir Rehearsal (Tuesdays, Chapel)</p>	<p><b>Saturday – June 21</b></p> <p>9:00 Super Saturday (Saturday before 4th Sunday)            Men &amp; Boys (Beechwood Campus)            Women &amp; Girls' (Wilcoxson/Story)            12:00 Quilting, Crocheting, and Knitting Class (Saturdays, Room 2159)            12:00 Narcotics Anonymous (NA, Beechwood Campus)            1:00 Contemporary Christian Chorale Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room)            2:00 Blessed Hearts Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room)            2:30 Women &amp; Girls' Choir Rehearsal (Tuesdays, Chapel)</p>

<b>4th Sunday – June 22</b>	<b>5th Sunday – June 29</b>
8:15 Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson) 9:00 Sunday Church School 11:00 Morning Worship 1:30 Group #19/26/28 (4th Sunday, Wilcoxson) 1:30 Group #24 (4th Sunday, Morris) 1:30 Group #6/23 (4th Sunday, Room 2151) 1:30 Health Ministry (4th Sunday, Usher Board Room) 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)	8:15 Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson) 9:00 Sunday Church School 11:00 Morning Worship 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)
<b>Monday – June 23</b>	<b>Monday – June 30</b>
4:30 Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room) 6:00 Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting (Mondays, Room 2152) 6:00 Monday Night Bible Class (Mondays, Room 2156) 6:00 Writer's Ministry (Mondays, Room 2159) 6:45 MEDCCE Choir Rehearsal (Mondays, Sanctuary)	4:30 Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room) 6:00 Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting (Mondays, Room 2152 ) 6:00 Monday Night Bible Class (Mondays, Room 2156) 6:00 Writer's Ministry (Mondays, Room 2159) 6:45 MEDCCE Choir Rehearsal (Mondays, Sanctuary)
<b>Tuesday – June 24</b>	<b>Tuesday – July 1</b>
9:15 Staff Meeting 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus) 6:30 Family Bible Study Adults (Tuesdays, Morris Room) Youth (Tuesdays, Room 2176) Children (Tuesdays, Room 2156)	9:15 Staff Meeting 6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus) 6:30 Family Bible Study Adults (Tuesdays, Morris Room) Youth (Tuesdays, Room 2176) Children (Tuesdays, Room 2156)
<b>Wednesday – June 25</b>	<b>Wednesday – July 2</b>
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)
<b>Thursday – June 26</b>	<b>Thursday – July 3</b>
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)	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)
<b>Friday – June 27</b>	<b>Friday – July 4</b>
6:00 Friday Night Bible Study (Fridays, Room 2156)	6:00 Friday Night Bible Study (Fridays, Room 2156)
<b>Saturday – June 28</b>	<b>Saturday – July 5</b>
10:30 Love & Respect Couple's Ministry Fellowship (Saturday before the 5th Sunday, Morris Room) 12:00 Quilting, Crocheting, and Knitting Class (Saturdays, Room 2159) 12:00 Narcotics Anonymous (NA, Beechwood Campus) 1:00 Contemporary Christian Chorale Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room) 2:00 Blessed Hearts Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room) 2:30 Women & Girls' Choir Rehearsal (Tuesdays, Chapel)	7:00 Ministers' & Disciples' Meeting (Saturday before the 1st Sunday, Morris Room) 10:00 Leadership Council (Saturday before 1st Sunday, Room 2156) 12:00 Quilting, Crocheting, and Knitting Class (Saturdays, Room 2159) 12:00 Narcotics Anonymous (NA, Beechwood Campus) 1:00 Contemporary Christian Chorale Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room) 2:00 Blessed Hearts Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room) 2:30 Women & Girls' Choir Rehearsal (Tuesdays, Chapel)

# Get Connected

## Fellowship Opportunities

Wolverine State Congress of  
Christian Education (Saginaw, MI)  
June 2-6, 2014

Graduation Sunday  
June 8, 2014

Relay for Life  
June 14-15, 2014

Salad Extravaganza  
June 14, 2014

National Congress of Christian  
Education  
June 15-20, 2014

Mens' Day Weekend  
June 20-22, 2014

Super Saturday  
June 21, 2014, 9:00 am

Girls' Retreat  
June 26-28, 2014

Love & Respect Couple's Fellowship  
June 28, 2014, 10:30 am

Four Season's Tea (Group 2&16)  
June 29, 2014

Fireworks Fellowship  
June 30, 2014

## Important Announcements

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**PLEASE NOTE:** You (children included) must have a CURRENT PASSPORT, PASSPORT CARD or ENHANCED DRIVER'S LICENSE to take part in this fascinating trip through history, as our tour will be across the U.S. Border.

### SAVE THE DATE\*\*\*Women's Day Weekend

**July 25-27, 2014**

7/25/14- 7:00 pm - Friday evening, Dr. Hugh Dell Gatewood, President Women's Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, USA will kick off our celebration. Dr. Gatewood will give a dynamic presentation. You don't want to miss this!

7/26/14- 10:00 am - Saturday morning, Dr. Gatewood will join us for a Prayer Brunch that will be sure to engage and encourage the spirit. Due to the notoriety of our speaker, we ask that you purchase your brunch ticket (\$35), by our July 10th deadline, to ensure that you get a seat. There will be no tickets available at the door. Our luncheon colors are turquoise and white so feel free to wear these colors on Saturday.

7/27/14- 11:00 am - Sunday morning we will be inspired by Rev. Dr. Velva Burley Flowers, Kingdom Expansion Director and Interim Campus Pastor-Third New Hope Missionary Church, this blessed and highly favored preacher will bring the Word of God. Remember to wear all white on Women's Day Sunday.

### SAVE THE DATE\*\*\*Women's Fall Retreat 2014

**October 24-26, 2014**

Save the Date! For all women of Tab and sisters in Christ of other churches and guests. Our fall retreat will be held on October 24 -26, 2014 at the beautiful Double Tree by Hilton in Port Huron, MI. Additional information and registration details will be provided in late June.

## Weekly Bible Studies

Sunday, 8:15 am ..... Sunday Morning Dawnseeker's Class (Wilcoxson)  
 Sunday, 9:30 am ..... Sunday Church School (All Ages)  
 Sunday, 9:30 am ..... Sunday New Member's Class (Room 2153)  
 Monday, 6:00 pm ..... Monday Night Bible Class (Room 2156)  
 Tuesday, 6:30 pm ..... Family Bible Study, Adults (Morris Room);  
 Youth (Room 2176); Children (Room 2156)  
 Wednesday, 12:00 noon ..... Noon Bible Class (Morris Room)  
 Thursday, 5:30 pm ..... Thursday Night Bible Class (Room 2156)  
 Friday, 6:00 pm ..... Friday Night Bible Class (Room 2156)



# Weekly Sunday School Lessons

## OBEY THE LORD

### Lesson 1

June 1

Devotional Reading:	Luke 19:41-48
Background Scripture:	Haggai 1:1-11
Print Passage:	Haggai 1:1-11
Key Verse:	Haggai 1:3-4
26	“A House of Prayer” (Luke 19:41-48)
27	“The Fall of Jerusalem” (Jeremiah 52:1-9)
28	“The Temple Destroyed” (Jeremiah 52:10-14)
29	“Given into Enemy Hands” (2 Chronicles 36:15-21)
30	“Carried Away into Captivity” (2 Kings 24:8-17)
31	“Rebuild God’s House” (Ezra 1:1-8)
1	“God’s House Lies in Ruins” (Haggai 1:1-11)

## TRUST GOD’S PROMISES

### Lesson 2

June 8

Devotional Reading:	Psalms 27:7-14
Background Scripture:	Haggai 1;12-2:9
Print Passage:	Haggai 1:12; 2:1-9
Key Verse:	Haggai 2:9
2	“My Spirit Seeks You” (Isaiah 26:1-13)
3	“The Blessings of Obedience” (Leviticus 26:3-13)
4	“The Consequences of Disobedience” (Leviticus 26:14-26)
5	“The Fear of the Lord” (Deuteronomy 6:17-25)
6	“I Am with You” (Isaiah 41:1-10)
7	“Take Courage!” (Psalms 27:7-14)
8	“Obeying the Voice of God” (Haggai 1:12-2:9)

## LIVE PURE LIVES

### Lesson 3

June 15

Devotional Reading:	1 Peter 1:13-21
Background Scripture:	Haggai 2:10-19
Print Passage:	Haggai 2:10-19
Key Verse:	Haggai 2:19
9	“A Highway Called the Holy Way” (Isaiah 35)
10	“Established as God’s Holy People” (Deuteronomy 28:1-9)
11	“You Shall Be Holy” (1 Peter 1:13-21)
12	“You Have Been Born Anew” (1 Peter 1:22-2:3)
13	“You Are God’s People” (1 Peter 2:4-10)
14	“You Are the Temple of God” (2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1)
15	“The Hope for God’s Blessing” (Haggai 2:10-19)

## HOPE FOR A NEW DAY

### Lesson 4

June 22

Devotional Reading:	Psalms 43
Background Scripture:	Nehemiah 7:1-7
Print Passage:	Haggai 2:20-23; Zechariah 4:5-14; Haggai 2:20-23; Zechariah 4
Key Verse:	Zechariah 4:6
16	“What Hope for the Godless?” (Job 27:8-12)
17	“Hope in God” (Psalms 43)
18	“Hope in God’s Steadfast Love” (Psalms 33:13-22)
19	“In Hope We Were Saved” (Romans 8:18-15)
20	“Accounting for the Hope in You” (1 Peter 3:13-17)
21	“The Confession of Our Hope” (Hebrews 10:19-24)
22	“I Have Chosen You” (Haggai 2:23; Zechariah 4:1-3,6-14)

## A CALL TO UNITY

### Lesson 5

June 29

Devotional Reading:	1 Corinthians 12:12-20
Background Scripture:	1 Corinthians 1:10-17
Print Passage:	1 Corinthians 1:10-17
Key Verse:	1 Corinthians 1:10
23	“Being of the Same Mind” (Philippians 4:1-7)
24	“Empowered by the Same Spirit” (1 Corinthians 12:4-11)
25	“Maintaining the Unity of the Spirit” (Ephesians 4:1-6)
26	“Many Members in One Body” (1 Corinthians 12:12-20)
27	“No Dissension within the body” (1 Corinthians 12:21-26)
28	“Members of the Body of Christ” (1 Corinthians 12:27-31)
29	“Agreement without Divisions” (1 Corinthians 1:10-17)

## Reading Through the Bible in a Year

### June

1	2 Chronicles 4,5,6	John 12:20-50
2	2 Chronicles 7,8,9	John 13:1-17
3	2 Chronicles 10,11,12	John 13:18-38
4	2 Chronicles 13,14,15,16	John 14
5	2 Chronicles 17,18,19	John 15
6	2 Chronicles 20,21,22	John 16:1-15
7	2 Chronicles 23,24,25	John 16:16-33
8	2 Chronicles 26,27,28	John 17
9	2 Chronicles 29,30,31	John 18:1-23
10	2 Chronicles 32,33	John 18:24-40
11	2 Chronicles 34,35,36	John 19:1-22
12	Ezra 1,2	John 19:23-42
13	Ezra 3,4,5	John 20
14	Ezra 6,7,8	John 21
15	Ezra 9,10	Acts 1
16	Nehemiah 1,2,3	Acts 2:1-13
17	Nehemiah 4,5,6	Acts 2:14-47
18	Nehemiah 7,8	Acts 3
19	Nehemiah 9,10,11	Acts 4:1-22
20	Nehemiah 12,13	Acts 4:23-37
21	Esther 1,2,3	Acts 5:1-16
22	Esther 4,5,6	Acts 5:17-42
23	Esther 7,8,9,10	Acts 6
24	Job 1,2,3	Acts 7:1-19
25	Job 4,5,6	Acts 7:20-43
26	Job 7,8,9	Acts 7:44-60
27	Job 10,11,12	Acts 8:1-25
28	Job 13,14,15	Acts 8:26-40
29	Job 16,17,18	Acts 9:1-22
30	Job 19,20	Acts 9:23-43

### 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

# Flowers Enhancing the Beauty of the Sanctuary

## June 1, 2014

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63rd Wedding Anniversary ~ Love is a Many Splendored Thing

**Trustee Eddie L. & Georgia Marie Johnson**

## June 8, 2014

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In Precious Memory of Our Beloved Son, Brother, Father,  
Uncle, Grandson, Nephew, and Cousin

**William Robert Riggins, II - "Bobby"**

Entrance from God - June 11, 1973  
Exit back to God - December 17, 2004

The Riggins Family

*"Fear not for I am with thee: Be not dismayed;  
for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea I will uphold thee  
with the right hand of My righteousness" (Isaiah 41:10).*

## June 15, 2014

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In Loving Memory of a Beloved Wife, Mother, Grandmother

**Deaconess Annie Laura Odom**

Placed there by her loving husband, Dan Odom; children, Beverly Sutherlin  
& sons, Daniel and Jonathan; John & Denise Wright & daughter, Teri Tipler;  
Darryl & Terrye' Odom & sons/daughter, Vern, Adrienne, and Devin

*"For her price is far above rubies  
Her children arise up and call her blessed;  
her husband also, and he praiseth her" (Proverbs 31:10,28)*

## June 22, 2014

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In Loving Memory of Our Beloved Parents

**Charles H. & Lahoma Caliman and John W. & Bernice Webb**

Placed there by Trustee Kerry & Sis. Judith Caliman

## June 29, 2014

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In Loving Memory of

**Charlie & Lucille Green**

Placed there by their children and grandchildren, Charles & Janice Green,  
Rashida Boyd, Rehema Smith, Ajanae Dawkins, Madison Boyd

## Sermon Topics

(all sermons by Pastor Johnson unless otherwise noted)

**May 4**

"Who Do You Represent?"  
Acts 1:8

**May 11**

"Pray About It"  
Philippians 4:6-7

**May 18**

"You Ought to Tell Your Story"  
Psalm 107:1-2,8

**May 25**

"God's Word is What You Need"  
2 Timothy 3:16-17

## Prayer & Praise Service

**June 4**

Hospitality Ministry

**June 11**

Sunday Church School  
Christian Education Ministry

**June 18**

Prayer Partners

**June 25**

Groups #10/21 & Youth Council

**July 2**

Deaconess Ministry

## Fellowship Hour

**June 1 (First Sunday)**  
No Fellowship Hour

**June 8**

Graduation Sunday  
Group #12

**June 15**

Group #18

**June 22**

Women & Girls' Choir  
Contemporary Christian Chorale

**June 29**

No Fellowship Hour

# Sick and Shut-In

ATKINSON, Sis. Susie  
BERYL-BANKS,  
Sis. Cynthia  
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  
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, Bro. James  
JOHNSON, Sis. Audrey  
JOHNSON, Sis. Ruby  
JONES, Sis. Helen  
JONES, Sis. Jennie  
LEE, Sis. Mary  
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  
MILLENDER, Sis. Sara  
MILLENER, Bro. Michael  
NEAL, Sis. Lois  
PRUITT, Sis. Bessie  
RANDALL, Sis. Jessie  
ROBERTS, Sis. Mildred  
ROYE, Sis. Juanita  
SMITH, Sis. Chanel  
STEWART, Sis. Sharon  
THOMAS, Sis. Margaret  
WARREN, Bro. Bruce  
WARREN, Sis. Thelma  
WINDOM,  
Sis. Eddie Maye

# Condolences

Sis. Mildred Kelly & Bro. Ronnie  
McReynolds for the loss of their cousin,  
Sis. Gladys Jones  
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Sis. Marcia Burney & Bro. Terrence  
Burney for the loss of their mother, Sis.  
Leila Burney  
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Sis. Winfred Avery for the loss of her  
son, Bro. Michael V. Avery  
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Bro. Fred Cardenas for the loss of his  
sister, Sis. Sutrene Jackson  
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Sis. Joyce Kelly for the loss of her father,  
Bro. George Evans  
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Sis. Arelia Chandler & family for the loss  
of her grandson, Bro. Kentrell Jordan  
Chandler  
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Bro. Othell & Sis. Shirley Little & family  
for the loss of his sister, Sis. Julynn  
Brown  
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Sis. Francis Cobb & family for the loss of  
her mother, Sis. Ola Mae Riddick  
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Bro. Norris Collier & family for the loss of  
his sister, Sis. Edna Vinning  
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Sis. Gelonac Barksdale & family for the  
loss of her aunt, Sis. Mary E. Turner  
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Rev. Terry & Sis. Janice Robinson for the  
loss of his aunt  
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Rev. Miller Adams & family for the loss of  
his wife, Deaconess Etta Adams

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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)

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# Tabernacle's Inaugural Men's Day Set for June 21-22

***Detroit City Councilman Rev. Andre Spivey and Bishop Gregory Ingram Will Serve as Special Guest Ministers***

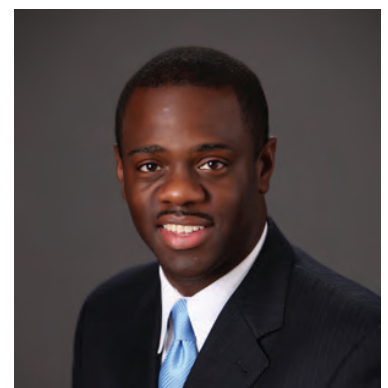
Somebody should hang a "Men at Work" sign outside Tab these days. In case you haven't noticed, Tabernacle men have been doing a lot of building, rebuilding, cleaning up, and stepping up lately. Aside from everything else in the making, the brothers of Tab are about to make history.

According to unofficial Tab historians plus a few men who have been around for several decades, Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church is about to host the first Men's Day in its nearly century-long existence. The theme for the June 21-22 activities is: "A Blueprint for Building," based on Nehemiah 1: 1-11.

And just how have the men of Tabernacle decided to celebrate this milestone of an occasion? With sweat.

The official Men's Day celebration is set to begin Saturday, June 21, and it features an old-time tent revival at Tab's 6125 Beechwood campus. The special guest minister

will be Rev. Andre Spivey, who is both pastor of St. Paul AME Church and a Detroit City Council member representing District 4. The day's activities will include



ongoing clean-up and fix-up activities plus a light lunch and other refreshments. All men and boys of Tabernacle are invited to participate and bring guests.

Meanwhile, the Saturday slate of activities will

**Men's Day  
Weekend**

**2014**

**Saturday - June 21**

**Sunday - June 22**

**A BLUEPRINT FOR  
BUILDING**

**Nehemiah 1:1-11**

**... seeking to encourage, enlist  
and engage the men of  
Tabernacle MBC in re-building  
our community after  
God's design.**

shine a proverbial spotlight on ongoing work to bolster and fix the metal fence surrounding Tab's 2080 W. Grand Blvd. campus.

On Sunday, the Men's Day special guest preacher will be Bishop Gregory Ingram, who for many years was



pastor of Detroit's Oak Grove AME Church and is now based in Philadelphia. Neither Bishop Ingram nor his wife Dr. Jessica Ingram, are strangers to the Tab pulpit, having both served as special invited preachers at Tab in the past.

"This Men's Day is indeed a milestone because, as I understand it, this is the first Men's Day that the church has had," said Tabernacle Pastor Nathan Johnson. "So it is significant, it is historical, and it will really accentuate the work that the men of Tabernacle have done historically and are doing presently. This work is evident in all levels of the church, from behind-the-scenes work, to work by officers of the church and those serving in the ministry."

"This inaugural Men's Day is under the leadership of Deacon Hubbard, Brother Elliott Hall, and others. They are giving excellent leadership in rallying the men to engage in outreach services as well as in-reach efforts throughout the church."

### **Cleaning, Cutting, Building, and Fundraising: The Work Has Already Begun**

While Saturday and Sunday events are major highlights, a big chunk of Men's Day activities have already been underway in the form of shovels in the ground, lawnmowers clearing lots, and general fix-up projects galore. That effort has been spearheaded by the Men and Boys Ministry, co-chaired by Trustee Hervey Jenkins and Deacon

Emanuel Haley.

Thanks to leadership provided both by the Men and Boys' Ministry and the Young Adults Ministry (led by Bro. Steven Clarke), Tab's men have been regularly attacking upkeep, maintenance, and other issues at the Beechwood campus and at Herbert Park, a city park at 30<sup>th</sup> and Herbert recently adopted by Tabernacle. On alternating Saturdays, since April 26, some 50 Tab men have been working either at the park or in and around the Beechwood campus. They will continue to work through June 21...and beyond.

"Our main focus is to repair some of the areas that are showing natural wear and damage such as replacing the door to a garage where equipment is stored, cutting the grass both on the property and in lots near that property," said Deacon Kenneth Hubbard, co-chair of Men's Day activities. "Tab men are also removing a lot of debris around the Beechwood campus plus cleaning up and refurbishing the park we've adopted. We will help fix up the park to make it more useable by the



community."

The park component is also in conjunction with the church's annual "Claiming Our Jerusalem" initiative. Men's Day workers, again led by the Men and Boys' Ministry, helped out in a big way with Claiming Our Jerusalem 2014, held May 24 at Herbert Park. This year, Tab partnered with a neighbor church, the Bethel Temple Baptist Church, led by Pastor Damon Moseley. Each year, "Claiming Our Jerusalem" features good deeds in the form of helping fix up areas of Tab's



surrounding community plus a good news aspect, involving spreading God's word in the community.

The organizational engine moving Men's Day along has been a multi-faceted one. A big push came from legendary attorney and longtime Tab member Elliott Hall, a co-chair of Men's Day 2014. "Brother Hall is kind of a church historian, and he really took the lead in generating interest in this whole project," said Deacon Hubbard. "It has been through his determination to have a Men's Day that the idea is becoming a reality."

As he discusses Tab's historic Men's Day effort, Deacon Hubbard often heads back to words and examples found in Nehemiah.

"Just like Nehemiah, when he looked at the walls of Jerusalem, our Beechwood campus is in dire need of repair," said Deacon Hubbard. "So just as much as we want to be a spiritual beacon in the community, we must also maintain an acceptable physical appearance."

The work is not limited to Beechwood, Deacon Hubbard emphasized. Another goal is to raise enough



money to help provide assistance to the masterful beautification work at the W. Grand Blvd. campus regularly donated by Tab members Bro. Harold and Sis. Trunella Taylor.

Also, a simultaneous outreach component of Men's Day involves collecting boxes of toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant and other personal items to be distributed to men living in Detroit halfway houses or homeless shelters. Church members and guests are asked to bring items to church and drop them in special boxes located at each church entrance.

The special fellowship surrounding Men's Day activities won't stop with Tabernacle's official grounds. An official Men's Day golf outing is scheduled for Friday, June 20 at Rouge Park. Men and women who want to register for the event should contact organizers Bro. Charles Shannon and Bro. Roosevelt Carrington, Jr.

Because Men's Day organizers wanted the June 21-22 events to highlight work already done and projects already completed – plus a commitment to future projects – important Men's Day fundraising started months before official Men's Day church services were set to begin. During a special meeting in April, leaders asked men of the church to start contributing right away according to a funding formula designed to reach a goal of \$50,000. That \$50,000 sum will be used exclusively to help address upkeep and renovation efforts at both the Beechwood and W. Grand Blvd. campuses. Organizers called on at least 200 men to contribute \$150 and at least 20 to contribute \$1,000.

Special Men's Day envelopes are available throughout the church. Tab members and others can ask ushers for help if they have trouble finding them.

While Men's Day 2014 is widely considered to be the

church's first official Men's Day, organizers emphasize that special programs designed to recognize long-serving men of the church have been held in the past. On Sunday, June 22, Tabernacle will recognize several men who faithfully have served God and Tabernacle for many years.

Still, Deacon Hubbard said, the Men's Day celebration will be a look forward as much as a reflective look at God's past and ongoing blessings.

"Again, I refer to Nehemiah," said Deacon Hubbard. "Nehemiah provides a blueprint for building. We are looking for our Men's Day to develop a blueprint for helping us to encourage and enlist and engage the men of Tab in rebuilding our community after God's design."

Pastor Johnson added that work underway is strong evidence of the power and commitment of Tab men.

*"The activities that have already taken place and those that are planned give strong evidence of the caliber of men at Tabernacle and their willingness to serve in the advancement of the kingdom," said Pastor Johnson. "We salute the men of the church as they lift up and live out the theme, "A Blueprint for Building," found in Nehemiah 1:1-11.*

*For more information on Tab's Men's Day or to get involved, call Tabernacle at (313) 898-3325.*

*The Men's Day Committee is co-chaired by Deacon Kenneth Hubbard, Dr. Byron Douglass, Elliott Hall, Trustee Hervey Jenkins, and Bro. Steven Clarke. Rev. Johnnie Harrison is the ministerial representative who also has been serving as site manager of Tabernacle's Beechwood campus. Trustee Fred Hall, Deacon James Beasley, Deacon Danton Wilson, and Bro. Dwight Blakey also serve on the Men's Day Committee.*