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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 1st & 3rd Sunday (11:00 am)

Family Bible Study • Every Tuesday (6:30 pm) Midweek Prayer & Praise Service • Every Wednesday (7:00 pm)

COME HOME TO FAMILY

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Called to Joy

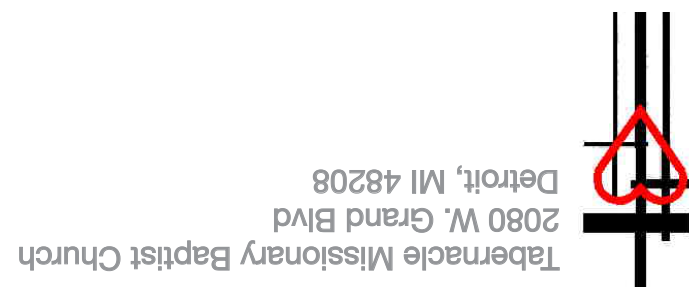
In times of great challenge our confidence in God is tested. In fact without these times of challenge it is hard to know whether our faith in God is genuine. We must resist the ever-present tendency to fret, find fault, blame and complain when we find ourselves in trying times. The Word of God calls for a different kind of response to life difficulties. The Apostle James records these words: "Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing. If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking." (James 1:2-5, NLT)

Now this is really something, the Holy Spirit through James challenges us to respond with joy when we are going through times of adversity. The Lord is not saying that we should have a giddy happiness about ourselves, no, He calls us to something greater and sturdier, the Lord calls us to joy. As believers, you and I are called to have an attitude of joy. We can have joy because joy operates outside of the chaotic confines of our circumstances. Joy is the consequence of knowing that God is in control, and we see things through the lens of His desired

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It is the mission of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church to: exalt the Savior through worship and praise, expound the scripture through biblical preaching and teaching, embrace the saved through membership and fellowship, equip the saints through Christian education and discipleship for the work of the ministry, encourage the struggling through ministries for the whole person and evangelize the sinner through the sharing of the Good News, all empowered by the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, all done to the glory of God.

Come Home to Family is a monthly publication created to inform and encourage Tabernacle friends and family. Material must be submitted before the 15th of the month preceding each issue.

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Pastor's Schedule

September 13, 2015
7:45 am & 10:45 am

87th Church Anniversary
Lincoln Heights MBC
9991 Wayne Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45215
Pastor Dr. Elliot Cuff

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**September 14-16, 2015**  
**7:00 pm**

Welcome MBC  
146 Oneida Street  
Pontiac, MI  
Pastor Douglas P. Jones

**September 20, 2015**  
**3:30 pm**

Usher Annual Day Event  
Dexter Avenue B.C.  
13500 Dexter Avenue  
Detroit, MI  
Pastor Richard White

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September 28 -
October 2, 2015
7:00 pm nightly

Bethel Baptist Church
523 Washington St.
Albion, MI 49224
Pastor Fred Alexander Jr.

Thankful and Still Asking

I started with a "Thank you Lord for a good night's sleep and for Your awakening me this morning." Then, after mentioning a few more things for which I was also grateful, I thanked the Lord, "For all Your blessings, Your grace and Your mercy." I even reiterated my awareness and gratitude for God's forgiveness for all of my sins and my appreciation for the reconciliation I gained with Him through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. Proudly, as I recognized that so far this morning I had not petitioned the Lord for anything, I proceeded to start my requests by asking God, "to continue to bless me and to cover me with constant grace and mercy."

But wait! When I asked for His continuing blessings, didn't that include His "grace and mercy?" Did asking again nullify my prior and any further requests? Does God get frustrated or annoyed by my repetition? Could I exhaust His patience with my, "much seeking?" I presented these questions to God. I was reminded that while, "God's grace is sufficient," yet He persists in the "blessing business."

Only Almighty, awesome God can and will decide when we have asked for and received, or need more of the abundance He has promised, or, when "my cup is overflowing;" or when any of us have been empowered enough that we can, "go and sin no more."

While it may be true in the secular world in which we temporarily reside that there are more questions than there are answers, we can never ask God for too much or ask more questions than He can answer.

As we evangelize and are emboldened to witness to others as disciples of our Savior and Lord Jesus the Christ, we must exhibit the assurance that God has and is the answer. Keep on asking as you trust and obey.

Sick and Shut-In

AYOLA, Sis. Patricia

BENTLEY, Sis. Elois

BENTLEY, Bro.
Christopher

BERRY, Deaconess
Rudelle

BERYL-BANKS,
Sis. Cynthia

BRADLEY, Bro. James

BRUNSON, Bro. Todd

BRYANT, Sis. Mattie

BURKE, Bro. Louis

BUSCH, Bro. Leon

BYAS, Sis. Flora

CALLOWAY, Sis. Autry B.

COLLINS, Sis. Ruth

DAVIS, Bro. Audtry

DENT, Bro. Riley

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GALTNEY, Sis. Maxine

GEORGE, Deacon John

GILCHRIST, Sis. Doris

GRADY, Sis. Marion

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

JACKSON, Bro. James

JOHNSON, Sis. Audrey

JOHNSON, Sis. Lois

JOHNSON, Sis. Ruby

JOHNSON, Sis. Verdell

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JONES, Sis. Jennie

LINEBARGER,
Deaconess Nazell

LOGAN, Sis. Norma

LYNCH, Sis. Willie B.

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MAYFIELD, Dr. Jean

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NEAL, Sis. Lois

RANDALL, Sis. Jessie

ROBERTS, Sis. Mildred

SINGLETON, Sis. Martel

SMITH, Sis. Chanel

STEWART, Sis. Sharon

THOMAS, Sis. Margaret

TYLER, Bro. Eddie

WARREN, Bro. Bruce

WARREN, Sis. Thelma

WHITE, Sis. Thelma

WILLIAMS, Sis. Gola

WINDOM,
Sis. Eddie June

Condolences

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Sis. Kaamyla Gordon for the loss of her mother,  
Sis. Tracey Henry

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Sis. Marie Friday for the loss of her daughter,
Sis. Brenda Hambrick

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Trustee Roosevelt & Sis. Irma Wise for the loss  
of her cousin, Sis. Vivian Stanberry and her  
nephew, Bro. Quinn Anthony Lanier

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Sis. Charmaine Greenhouse for the loss of her
husband, Bro. Christopher Greenhouse

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Sis. Sheila Ragland for the loss of her brother,  
Bro. John Hall

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Dea. Clewon & Sis. Ann Snodgrass for the loss
of his mother-in-law, Sis. Sarah Chatman

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# Flowers Enhancing the Beauty of the Sanctuary

Honor or memorialize your loved ones by dedicating Sanctuary Flowers. Dates are available throughout the year. Please call the Church for information.

## September 6, 2015

In Memory of

### **Robert W. Byas**

A loving son and husband who will be missed, forever

Placed by Joya Person (Mother) & Amanda Byas (Wife)

## September 13, 2015

In Loving Memory of My Husband & Grandson

### **Robert Callaway & Kyle Turner Bentley** Forever in my heart

Placed by Pamela Callaway

## September 20, 2015

In Celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of

### **Brother Russell & Deaconess Eula Rice**

Placed there by  
Brother Tommie & Deaconess Geraldine Conoway

## September 27, 2015

In Loving Memory of

### **Deceased Members of the Ushers Ministry**

Placed by The Ushers Ministry of  
Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church

## Sermon Topics

(all sermons by Pastor Johnson unless otherwise noted)

**August 2**

**Walking Evidence**  
Acts 1:8

**August 9**

**Are You Pleasing Him?**  
Hebrews 11:6

**August 16**

**Do You Know Who You Are?**  
Romans 8:31-37

**August 23**

**God Has Options That We Don't Have**  
Ephesians 3:20-21

**August 30**

**Never Alone**  
Isaiah 43:1-2

## Prayer & Praise Service

**September 2**

Group #24

**September 9**

Ministers & Disciples

**September 16**

Women & Girls' Ministry

**September 23**

Christian Education Week

**September 30**

Marr-O-Nots

## Fellowship Hour

**September 6 / October 4**

Fellowship Experienced through  
Observance of the Lord's Supper

**September 13**

Group #19, #26, #28

**September 20**

Loyalty Sunday

**September 27**

No Fellowship Hour

## Writer's Ministry

**Goal:**

To learn what true community is and to practice biblical Koinonia.

**Objective:**

To experience koinonia by actively desiring to know Christ and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in His sufferings.

**Scripture:**

"I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings." (Philippians 3:10)

**Overview:**

Over the past months, we have been studying various expressions of true spiritual fellowship or koinonia within the church body and with other Christ followers. This month's lesson focuses on the fellowship of suffering. We will explore the often dreaded perspective of suffering with even unknown challenges that could lead to growth in relationship with Christ through our willingness to share in His suffering. "Most Christians can appreciate Paul's yearning to know Christ in a more intimate way, and we certainly identify with Paul's desire to experience the power of the resurrected Christ in his life, but we pause a bit when we come to his desire to know the fellowship of sharing in His suffering." "This fellowship refers to a partnership and deep communion of suffering that every believer shares with Christ who is able to comfort us when we suffer because He has already endured the same suffering and exceedingly more."

"The universal testimony of those who have suffered for the sake of Christ and His church is that they have experienced a deep fellowship, an intimate communion with Him in the midst of their sufferings." Paul's identification with Christ's suffering inspired him to desire the experience of a closer relationship with Christ. He shared this desire for growth with the Philippian church, which was to not only personally know Christ but also the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in His suffering. [Philip. 3:10] Paul's own experiences and suffering enabled him to express with sincerity through his relationship with Jesus: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." [Philippians 3:14]. Every Christian who

places their faith and trust in Christ can realize the same confidence, strength and spiritual growth through a personal relationship with Christ even in the valley of suffering. We learn several things; that Christ is faithful, nothing can separate us from His love, and that His grace is sufficient for our weaknesses.

Paul realized that his sharing with Christ in his suffering would advance the cause of Christ and His church. He understood that his identification with Christ and work on behalf of Christ would certainly mean suffering. As Christ followers, we too can promote kingdom building. Our willingness to suffer for the cause of Christ is a sign of being God's children and we will be ultimately glorified with Him. [Rom. 8:17] The apostles rejoiced because they were counted worthy to suffer for His name. [Acts 5:41]

Christ does not leave His people to suffer alone. Neither should we leave our brothers and sisters to suffer alone. Fellowship is to stand with them in their suffering even those who are persecuted for the sake of Christ. The body of Christ is found among all nations and people of every color. Believers suffering in other parts of the world are members of Christ's body. We can pray sincere and fervent prayers on their behalf. God may reveal something that we can do toward meeting their needs.

As a community of believers we share in one another's suffering, as we partner with them during their trials, hardships, and losses. As we stand with them and experience what they experience, we can be a source of comfort and encouragement. "God does intend that we so closely identify with our suffering brothers and sisters that their hurts become our hurts." "Those of us who are parents tend to so identify with our children that we experience their hurts" As a parent would we place their need before our own. It is only God's love manifested through us that gives us an ability to reach out in true fellowship to others in need.

*"But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God, for to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that we you should follow His steps." [1 Peter 2: 20-21]*

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

# Pastor's Pen Continued

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end. We can have joy because we know that God is omnibenevolent, which means He is good all the time. Whether God ordains it or allows it, He is uniquely capable and always actively causing all things to work together for our good. So, joy is that holy gladness due to our confidence that is anchored exclusively in the sovereignty of a loving God.

This holy gladness exists in multifarious situations. You and I are expected to have and should have this joy no matter what the trial may be. Nothing that comes our way should be allowed to keep us from having this joy. No disease, no disappointment, no delay, no devastation, absolutely nothing should be seen as something outside this command of scripture. Of course the imperative nature of this scripture requires our volitional yielding in order to make it a reality in our lives. This choice is no denial of the realness of your circumstance. This choice is the confident awareness of God's superintendence over your circumstances.

Knowing that God is in charge increases your patience, your endurance. We grow in our faith towards God as we learn to wait on Him. We put away our running away shoes and choose to stand barefooted on the promises of God. So let your faith in God grow your ability to endure whatever comes into your life. We can count our multifarious trials as joy because our trials under God's care serve as an incubator for our maturity. We find that through our manifold trials we are no longer tripping over life with childish tantrums but we able to face life as spiritual grown-ups, making the most of every situation. Because you know that growth is the spiritual outcome of your trials, you find yourself having and expressing holy gladness, joy!

God knows that there will be times when we don't know how to have this joy come to pass in our lives. Since He knows this God says ask Him for wisdom. We can ask God, and he will show us how.

So when life throws you a curve, smile in your spirit because you know that God is in control. Smile in your spirit because you know that this is another opportunity to learn something new about God and His love for you. Smile in your spirit, because you know that you have a fresh opportunity to grow up a little more in the Lord.

Eugene Peterson paraphrases this passage like this: "Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way. If you don't know what you're doing, pray to the Father. He loves to help. You'll get his help, and won't be condescended to when you ask for it." (James 1:2-5, The Message)

Shalom!

Pastor Nathan Johnson, D.D., Senior Pastor

## The Church in Study & Prayer

Coming October 7, 2015 The Church in Study & Prayer. Register today for the upcoming Study and Prayer series outside the Cloak room. Due to limited spaces in each class, be sure to register early for this 13-week series. Bring the entire family for this dynamic opportunity to grow in your Christian faith! See this month's insert and your email for more information.

**Wednesdays, Beginning October 7, 2015**

The Church in Fellowship - 5:30 pm

The Church in Study - 6:30 pm

The Church in Prayer - 7:30 pm

# Weekly Sunday School Lessons

## PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

|                                        |                          |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Lesson 1</b>                        | <b>September 6, 2015</b> |
| Devotional Reading:                    | Matthew 6:9-15           |
| Background Scripture:                  | Acts 4:1-31              |
| Print Passage:                         | Acts 4:23-31             |
| Key Verse:                             | Acts 4:31                |
| 31 Prayer of Humility                  | Matthew 6:9-15           |
| 1 Prayer of Gratitude                  | 2 Chronicles 6:1-15      |
| 2 Open-hearted Life                    | 2 Corinthians 6:1-13     |
| 3 Greater Things Through Prayer        | Jon 14:11-13             |
| 4 No One Else                          | Acts 4:1-12              |
| 5 No Other Authority                   | Acts 4:13-22             |
| 6 Praying with Boldness/No Other Power | Acts 4:23-32             |

## SHARING ALL THINGS

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Lesson 2</b>             | <b>September 13, 2015</b> |
| Devotional Reading:         | Isaiah 1:15-18            |
| Background Scripture:       | Acts 4:32-5:11            |
| Print Passage:              | Acts 4:34-37; 5:1-10      |
| Key Verse:                  | Acts 4:31                 |
| 7 Rescuing the Weak         | Psalms 82                 |
| 8 Living Blamelessly        | Psalms 26                 |
| 9 Sharing Generously        | 1 Timothy 5:11-19         |
| 10 Sharing with All         | Isaiah 1:15-18            |
| 11 Sharing Troubles         | Philippians 4:1-14        |
| 12 Sharing Out of Abundance | Luke 3:10-16              |
| 13 Sharing All Things       | Acts 4:34-5:10            |

## WITNESSING TO THE TRUTH

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Lesson 3</b>                       | <b>September 20, 2015</b> |
| Devotional Reading:                   | Revelation 22:1-7         |
| Background Scripture:                 | Acts 5:12-42              |
| Print Passage:                        | Acts 5:27-29, 33-42       |
| Key Verse:                            | Acts 5:29                 |
| 14 The Cause of Truth                 | Psalms 45:1-4,6-7         |
| 15 The Life of Truth                  | Proverbs 14:22-29         |
| 16 The Power of Truth                 | Luke 4:14-19              |
| 17 Avoid Foolishness; Live Truthfully | 2 Timothy 2:14-16,22-26   |
| 18 Trustworthy and Truth              | Revelation 22:1-7         |
| 19 Prevailing Truth                   | Acts 4:5-12               |
| 20 Witnessing the Truth               | Acts 5:27-29,33-42        |

## REMEMBERING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

|                                     |                                   |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Lesson 4</b>                     | <b>September 27, 2015</b>         |
| Devotional Reading:                 | 1 Corinthians 1:1-9               |
| Background Scripture:               | Acts 7:1-53                       |
| Print Passage:                      | Acts 7:2-4,8-10,17,33-34,4-47,53  |
| Key Verse:                          | Acts 7:49                         |
| 21 Remembering God's Commands       | Deuteronomy 7:1-11                |
| 22 Remembering God's Love           | Psalms 31:1-5,19-24               |
| 23 Remembering God's Word           | Psalms 119:89-94                  |
| 24 Remembering God's Grace          | 1 Corinthians 1:1-9               |
| 25 Remembering God's Will           | 1 Thessalonians 5:16-25           |
| 26 Responding to God's Faithfulness | Acts 6:7-15                       |
| 27 Remembering God's Faithfulness   | Acts 7:2-4,8-10,17,33-34,45-47,53 |

## THE SPIRIT IS NOT FOR SALE

|                              |                        |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Lesson 5</b>              | <b>October 4, 2015</b> |
| Devotional Reading:          | Ephesians 3:5-10       |
| Background Scripture:        | Acts 8:9-25            |
| Print Passage:               | Acts 8:9-24            |
| Key Verse:                   | Acts 8:22              |
| 28 Never Moved               | Psalms 15              |
| 29 Be Content                | Hebrews 13:5-10        |
| 30 Stand Firm                | Ephesians 6:14-18      |
| 1 Stand Boldly               | Acts 13:52-14:3        |
| 2 Stand Regardless           | Acts 8:1-8             |
| 3 Stand Ready                | Acts 8:26-40           |
| 4 The Spirit is Not for Sale | Acts 8:9-24            |

## Reading Through the Bible in a Year

### SEPTEMBER

|                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 6 Proverbs 9,10          | 1 Corinthians 15:1-32  |
| 7 Proverbs 11,12         | 1 Corinthians 15:33-58 |
| 8 Proverbs 13,14         | 1 Corinthians 16       |
| 9 Proverbs 15,16         | 2 Corinthians 1        |
| 10 Proverbs 17,18        | 2 Corinthians 2        |
| 11 Proverbs 19,20        | 2 Corinthians 3        |
| 12 Proverbs 21,22        | 2 Corinthians 4        |
| 13 Proverbs 23,24        | 2 Corinthians 5        |
| 14 Proverbs 25,26,27     | 2 Corinthians 6        |
| 15 Proverbs 28,29        | 2 Corinthians 7        |
| 16 Proverbs 30,31        | 2 Corinthians 8        |
| 17 Ecclesiastes 1,2,3    | 2 Corinthians 9        |
| 18 Ecclesiastes 4,5,6    | 2 Corinthians 10       |
| 19 Ecclesiastes 7,8,9    | 2 Corinthians 11:1-15  |
| 20 Ecclesiastes 10,11,12 | 2 Corinthians 11:16-33 |
| 21 Song of Solomon 1,2,3 | 2 Corinthians 12       |
| 22 Song of Solomon 4,5,6 | 2 Corinthians 13       |
| 23 Song of Solomon 7,8,9 | Galatians 1            |
| 24 Isaiah 1,2,3          | Galatians 2            |
| 25 Isaiah 4,5,6          | Galatians 3            |
| 26 Isaiah 7,8,9          | Galatians 4            |
| 27 Isaiah 10,11,12       | Galatians 5            |
| 28 Isaiah 13,14,15       | Galatians 6            |
| 29 Isaiah 16,17,18       | Ephesians 1            |
| 30 Isaiah 19,20,21       | Ephesians 2            |

### OCTOBER

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| 1 Isaiah 22,23    | Ephesians 3 |
| 2 Isaiah 24,25,26 | Ephesians 4 |
| 3 Isaiah 27,28    | Ephesians 5 |

TABERNACLE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENTS

# Christian Education Week

## EQUIPPING THE CHURCH FOR MINISTRY IN A POST-MODERN WORLD

EPHESIANS 4:12-16



FELLOWSHIP 4:30- 5:45 PM

CLASS TIME 6:00 - 7:15 PM

SPECIAL LECTURE TIME 7:20 - 7:45 PM

SERMON & WORSHIP TIME 7:45 - 8:30 PM

### SEPTEMBER 21 - 25, 2015

EVERYONE WELCOME

NIGHTLY LECTURER

WORSHIP SERVICE PREACHERS



DR. ERIC MOORE,  
ASST. PROFESSOR OF  
PASTORAL MINISTRIES  
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## Important Announcements

**Metropolitan District Congress of Christian Education (MEDCCE)**  
September 19, 2015, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in the District's Christian Education Offerings.

**Tabernacle Tastefest**  
September 19, 2015, 5:30 pm

Get your Tastefest Cookbooks with recipes from chefs and contributors over the years at this year's event.

**Loyalty Sunday**  
September 20, 2015

**Christian Education Week**  
September 21-25, 2015

Fellowship at 4:30 pm; Classes at 6:00 pm; Lecture by Dr. Eric Moore at 7:20 pm; Worship at 7:45 pm.

**Christian Education Week Senior Hour of Power**  
September 23, 2015, 12:00 noon

Join the Tab Tymers in this annual fellowship and dynamic lecture. Sign up now with the members of the Tab Tymers.

**Usher Ministry Anniversary Fellowship Concert**  
September 27, 2015, 4:00 pm

Join the Usher Ministry in celebration of 93 years as Doorkeepers. *"Still Standing, Still Praying, Yet*

*Serving."* John 12:26 4:00 pm with special guest Mr. Ron English and Psalm 150 ensemble.

Please save the date of Sunday September 27, 2015 to join the Usher Ministry in celebration of 93 years as Doorkeepers. "Still Standing, Still Praying, Yet Serving." John 12:26 4:00 pm with special guest Mr. Ron English and Psalm 150 ensemble.

**Children's Worship Ministry Resumes**  
October 4, 2015, (1st & 3rd Sundays, 11:00 am, Morris Room)

**Faith, Hope & Love Pancake Breakfast**  
October 10, 2015, 9:00-12:00 am

**Sing-A-Rama**  
October 11, 2015, 5:00 pm

**Hospitality Pie Social**  
October 24, 2015, 3:00 pm

See any member of the Hospitality Ministry for tickets.

## Tabernacle Opportunities

### RELIEF POOL

Tabernacle is seeking to develop a temporary relief pool for our vital staffing areas as a part of our comprehensive contingency plan. Those interested should send resumes to 2080 W. Grand Blvd, Detroit, MI 48208 Attn: Dea. Emanuel Haley. Or email [deaehaley@tmbcdetroit.org](mailto:deaehaley@tmbcdetroit.org)

Roles sought to be supported include: Custodian, Secretary, Receptionist, and Media Team

### Endowment Fund

The Endowment Program was established with a two-fold purpose: 1) to increase parishioner awareness of the long-term financial needs of the church, and 2) to lay the groundwork to sustain our church in perpetuity. This program is open to all gifts of any size and most forms of giving. An endowment gift is one of the most important aspects of stewardship, as it is investment in the future. Contact the Church Office for additional information.

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# TMBC Monthly Meetings

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| <b>Sunday – September 6, 2015</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Sunday– September 13</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 8:15 Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson)<br>9:30 Sunday Church School<br>11:00 Morning Worship (Lord's Supper, 1st Sundays)<br>11:00 Children's Ministry (1st & 3rd Sundays, Morris)<br>1:30 Cherub Choir Rehearsal (1st & 3rd Sundays, Choir Room)<br>1:30 Group #7 (1st Sundays, Wilcoxson)<br>6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)                                            | 8:15 Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson)<br>9:30 Sunday Church School<br>11:00 Morning Worship (Baptism, 2nd Sundays)<br>1:30 Group #15 (2nd Sundays, Story Room)<br>1:30 Group #2/16 (2nd Sundays, Morris Room)<br>6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Monday – September 7</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Monday – September 14</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 4:30 Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room)<br>6:00 Hospitality (Monday after first Sunday, Wilcoxson Room)<br>6:00 Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting (Mondays, Room 2152)<br>6:00 Super Saturday Women & Girls' Committee Meeting (Monday after 1st & 3rd Sundays, Room 2157)                                                                                                                  | 10:00 AARP Chapter 4803 (Morris Room)<br>4:30 Prayer Partners (Quiet Room)<br>6:00 Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting (Mondays, Room 2152)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Tuesday – September 8</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Tuesday – September 15</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 9:15 Staff Meeting<br>10:00 AARP Chapter 4803 (2nd Monday/1st Tuesday, Morris)<br>6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 9:15 Staff Meeting<br>6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Wednesday – September 9</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Wednesday – September 16</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 12:00 Noon Bible Study (Wednesdays, Morris)<br>6:00 Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Room 2156)<br>7:00 Prayer & Praise Service (Wednesdays, Chapel)<br><br><b>***COMING SOON CHECK EMAIL FOR MORE INFORMATION***<br/>THE CHURCH IN STUDY &amp; PRAYER</b><br>5:30 Church in Fellowship (Wilcoxson/Story)<br>6:30 Church in Study (Educational Wing)<br>7:30 Church in Prayer (Chapel) | 12:00 Noon Bible Study (Wednesdays, Morris)<br>6:00 Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Room 2156)<br>7:00 Prayer & Praise Service (Wednesdays, Chapel)<br><br><b>***COMING SOON CHECK EMAIL FOR MORE INFORMATION***<br/>THE CHURCH IN STUDY &amp; PRAYER</b><br>5:30 Church in Fellowship (Wilcoxson/Story)<br>6:30 Church in Study (Educational Wing)<br>7:30 Church in Prayer (Chapel) |
| <b>Thursday – September 10</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Thursday – September 17</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 5:00 Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)<br>6:00 Silent Ministry (Thursdays, Room 2164)<br>6:30 Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 5:00 Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)<br>6:00 Northwestern Alumni Association (Thursday after 2nd Sunday, Wilcoxson Room)<br>6:00 Silent Ministry (Thursdays, Room 2164)<br>6:30 Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Friday – September 11</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Friday – September 18</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <b>Saturday – September 12</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Saturday – September 19</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 12:00 Quilting, Crocheting, and Knitting Class (Saturdays, Room 2159)<br>12:00 Narcotics Anonymous (NA, Beechwood Campus)<br>1:00 Sorosis Guild (Saturday after 1st Sunday, Room 2156)<br>1:00 Contemporary Christian Chorale Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room)<br>2:00 Blessed Hearts Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room)<br>2:30 Women & Girls' Choir Rehearsal (Saturdays, Chapel)      | 11:00 Evangelism Meeting (Saturday before 3rd Sunday, Room 2156)<br>12:00 Quilting, Crocheting, and Knitting Class (Saturdays, Room 2159)<br>12:00 Narcotics Anonymous (NA, Beechwood Campus)<br>1:00 Contemporary Christian Chorale Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room)<br>2:30 Women & Girls' Choir Rehearsal (Saturdays, Chapel)                                                        |

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| <b>Sunday – September 20</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 8:15 Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson)<br>9:30 Sunday Church School<br>11:00 Morning Worship (Baby Dedication, 3rd Sundays)<br>11:00 Children's Ministry (1st & 3rd Sundays, Morris)<br>1:30 Cherub Choir Rehearsal (1st & 3rd Sundays, Choir Room)<br>1:30 Group #1 (3rd Sundays, Chapel)<br>1:30 Group #10/21 (3rd Sundays, Room 2173)<br>1:30 Group #12 (3rd Sundays, Wilcoxson)<br>1:30 Group #18 (3rd Sundays, Story)<br>1:30 Group #25 (3rd Sundays, Room 2176/2179)<br>1:30 Group #29 (3rd Sundays, Room 2161)<br>1:30 Group #4 (3rd Sundays, Room 2165)<br>1:30 Teen Council Meeting (3rd Sunday, Room 2159)<br>1:30 Marr-O-Nots Fellowship (3rd Sunday, Room 2156)<br>6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus) |
| <b>Monday – September 21</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 4:30 Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room)<br>6:00 Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting (Mondays, Room 2152 )<br>6:00 Super Saturday Women & Girls' Committee Meeting (Monday after 1st & 3rd Sundays, Room 2157)<br>6:00 Deacon's Ministry (Monday after 3rd Sunday, Board Room)<br>6:30 Sunday School Worker's Conference (Monday after 3rd Sunday, Wilcoxson/Story Room)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Tuesday – September 22</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 9:15 Staff Meeting<br>6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Wednesday – September 23</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 12:00 Noon Bible Study (Wednesdays, Morris)<br>6:00 Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Room 2156)<br>7:00 Prayer & Praise Service (Wednesdays, Chapel)<br><br><b>***COMING SOON CHECK EMAIL FOR MORE INFORMATION***<br/>THE CHURCH IN STUDY &amp; PRAYER</b><br>5:30 Church in Fellowship (Wilcoxson/Story)<br>6:30 Church in Study (Educational Wing)<br>7:30 Church in Prayer (Chapel)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Thursday – September 24</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 5:00 Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)<br>6:00 Silent Ministry (Thursdays, Room 2164)<br>6:30 Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Friday – September 25</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <b>Saturday – September 26</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 9:00 Super Saturday (Saturday before 4th Sunday)<br>Men & Boys' (Morris Room)<br>Women & Girls' (Wilcoxson/Story)<br>12:00 Narcotics Anonymous (NA, Beechwood Campus)<br>1:00 Contemporary Christian Chorale Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room)<br>2:00 Blessed Hearts Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room)<br>2:30 Women & Girls' Choir Rehearsal (Saturdays, Chapel)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| <b>Sunday – September 27</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 8:15 Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson)<br>9:30 Sunday Church School<br>11:00 Morning Worship<br>1:30 Group #19/26/28 (4th Sundays, Wilcoxson)<br>1:30 Group #24 (4th Sundays, Morris)<br>1:30 Group #6/23 (4th Sundays, Room 2151)<br>1:30 Health Ministry (4th Sunday, Usher Board Room)<br>6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Monday – September 28</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 4:30 Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room)<br>6:00 Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting (Mondays, Room 2152 )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Tuesday – September 29</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 9:15 Staff Meeting<br>6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Wednesday – September 30</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 12:00 Noon Bible Study (Wednesdays, Morris)<br>6:00 Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Room 2156)<br>7:00 Prayer & Praise Service (Wednesdays, Chapel)<br><br><b>***COMING SOON CHECK EMAIL FOR MORE INFORMATION***<br/>THE CHURCH IN STUDY &amp; PRAYER</b><br>5:30 Church in Fellowship (Wilcoxson/Story)<br>6:30 Church in Study (Educational Wing)<br>7:30 Church in Prayer (Chapel)                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Thursday – October 1</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 5:00 Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)<br>6:00 Silent Ministry (Thursdays, Room 2164)<br>6:30 Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Friday – October 2</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Saturday – October 3</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 10:00 Leadership Council (Saturday before first Sunday, Room 2156)<br>12:00 Quilting, Crocheting, and Knitting Class (Saturdays, Room 2159)<br>12:00 Narcotics Anonymous (NA, Beechwood Campus)<br>1:00 Contemporary Christian Chorale Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room)<br>1:00 Usher Instruction (Saturday before 1st Sunday, Usher Board Room)<br>2:00 Usher General Meeting (Saturday before 1st Sunday, Usher Board Room)<br>2:00 Blessed Hearts Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room)<br>2:30 Women & Girls' Choir Rehearsal (Saturdays, Chapel) |

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| Christian and Singled | This course will explore/discuss the single Christian's season of singleness as a "gift" and purposely designed opportunity to serve God in meaningful ways through the local church and community, as well as promote disciplined spiritual growth and personal fulfillment. |
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### Children and Youth Studies

| Course Name               | Course Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Toddler Bible Lessons     | This course has 60 Bible Lessons covering the Old and New Testaments. Each lesson includes a story a Bible verse, and a super simple craft activity that will reinforce the story.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Children's Studies (5-12) | This course is designed to teach children the character traits that God wants them to develop. Ranging from being honest to being joyful, the topics each week challenge children to make that character trait part of their lives.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Youth Studies (13-18)     | The purpose of this course is to Assist the teens in gathering an understanding of the true foundation of Christianity. We will seek to grasp the truth of the bible, build our personal relationship with God, so we'll believe in our hearts that Jesus is the son of the one true God. We want to be conformed to the image of Christ whereas we'll be empowered by God's Spirit, and living in the likeness of our Lord Jesus Christ. |



★ BEGINNING 10.07.15 ★

# THE CHURCH FAMILY

EVERYONE WELCOME

# IN STUDY & PRAYER

5:30 FELLOWSHIP    6:30 - 7:25 BIBLE STUDY    7:30 PRAYER

**13-WEEK COURSES**  
**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS**  
 CURRICULA FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY



*Please Register in the Cloak Room after service*

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## Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church - Teaching Ministry

### Course Offerings

#### Biblical Studies

| Course Name                 | Course Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Survey of the Old Testament | This course focuses on the content of each of the Old Testament books, the historical events that give context to the books, and specific questions that help draw out the overarching principles contained in the Old Testament from a birds-eye perspective. The survey addresses the Old Testament as a whole and by major sections and individual books, exploring interpretation, geographical, archaeological, theological and literary elements.                                                                                                                        |
| Survey of the New Testament | This survey course addresses the who, what, where, when, why, and how questions that readers of the Bible may have, such as: When were these books written and why? And what can today's believers get out of letters addressed to people who lived two thousand years ago? The course will explore some of the major themes and emphases in the NT, seeking to apply the teachings found there to our lives.                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Faith Fundamentals          | What are the foundational biblical truths upon which our faith is based? All believers need to understand the basic biblical truths about God, salvation, sin, the Holy Spirit, reconciliation, grace, and other doctrinal truths if they are to stand strong in faith in a world where truth is never static. In this class, we will examine the foundational truths of our faith and also examine the articles of faith to grasp the truth of our denominational beliefs. This class will help you understand what we believe and give you a strong foundation in the faith. |

#### Discipleship Studies

| Course Name          | Course Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| Disciple Making      | This course will explore the fundamentals of victorious Christian living that will lead to a life time of joy in knowing God and making Him known.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Disciple Maturing    | The purpose of this course is to help provide a solid base for your Christian life, especially in the area of relationships with other believers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Disciple Multiplying | This course gives an overview of the process of making disciples. The structure of class utilizes the "Teaching Process" 1. Tell them what you want them to do 2. Show them how to do it 3. Watch them do it 4. Praise what they do correctly 5. Correct what they do incorrectly, i.e., make suggestions for improvement 6. Repeat until they can implement the new skill consistently at the level needed. |

#### Evangelism Studies

| Course Name          | Course Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Beginners Evangelism | This course is designed to start the student on a lifestyle of evangelism as demonstrated by the early church. The course will initially prepare students to share their faith without fear. Providing instruction and encouragement in the basics of personal evangelism and seeks to equip the student for the task of evangelism. At the heart of the teaching will be a study of the Gospel. |

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| Intermediate Evangelism | This course provides a natural flow of transitioning from a natural conversation to a spiritual conversation in a non-threatening manner with family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, and the stranger you meet in the supermarket.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Advanced Evangelism     | This course will define evangelism and describe the role of the body of Christ regarding evangelism as a lifestyle. It includes the motivation of the saints, the methods of personal and group witnessing, holistic evangelism, and current issues related to sharing a person's faith.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| World Religions         | This Bible Study course will provide a survey of the basic tenets and principles of different world religions. It will also provide an objective overview to what is living and significant in the world's major religious traditions and in various new movements that are arising. It will provide a clear and straightforward account of the development of religion and the doctrines and practices of the major faiths that exist today.                                                                                               |
| Apologetics             | This course focuses on acquiring the knowledge and skills necessary for defending Christianity. In doing so, it equips students to respond effectively to the daily challenges to their faith. We will be seeking to develop an apologetic lifestyle that promotes commendation of the faith rather than criticism. In addition, we will be seeking to understand the biblical basis for apologetics, developing a biblical world and life view and engaging contemporary culture. We will also give some attention to the problem of evil. |

#### Formation Studies

| Course Name           | Course Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| True Fellowship       | This course will provide a foundational understanding of our Christian relationships and how we should be interested in interrelating within our church community. We will define the true meaning of Christian fellowship and Christian unity according to God's word. We will also walk through the connection of the Local Church Covenant to the life of fellowship.                                                                                                                                                            |
| Spiritual Formation   | This Spiritual Formation Class is a study which allows the Spirit of God to transform Christian believers into the likeness of Jesus Christ. The course is designed to lead and enable Christ Followers in our life-long quest of godliness to grow in spiritual maturity. We are seeking to become more Christ-like and mature in our faith as we advance through our Christian journey and levels of spiritual maturity. The result is to become more mature followers of Christ by the transformative work of the Spirit of God. |
| Christian Stewardship | This course will examine the stewardship in all areas of the Christian's life. We will focus on true biblical stewardship as a lifestyle involving the effective use of body, mind, time, speech, and action as well as money. Understanding why and how our belief, attitudes, and actions in this areas are an indication of our devotion, worship, and love for God.                                                                                                                                                             |

#### Christian Family Studies

| Course Name         | Course Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| Christian Parenting | This course seeks to provide parents with effective biblical principles that aid in developing positive and transformative family relationships. To equip parents who are constantly bombarded with negative images of defective and dysfunctional families through media outlets, with tools to combat the devices of the world against our families. |