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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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Yours For the Asking

When trials come our way we often find ourselves perplexed, bewildered, and without any viable plan. In the book of James, we find a simple but profound answer to our dilemma. "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him." (James 1:5, ESV) The Holy Spirit through James says "let him ask." Coming to grips with this is hard for us, due to our pride and often disappointing, debilitating attitude of self-sufficiency. We must admit that in our bank account of "wisdom" we have insufficient funds for the transaction at hand. We are facing a shortage in the area of understanding and knowing how to live wisely through our trials and tribulations. This is a very humbling reality to face. James does not bring us to this reality to participate in a perpetual pity party. He is not trying to make us feel bad. He sets forth a remedy for our awful plight.

We have become smarter in this age but not wiser. We have confused wisdom with knowledge. The two are not the same. Knowledge is a result of the acquisition of information. Knowledge makes us aware of our situation but does

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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

October 4, 2015
6:00 pm

Joint Worship Service

Trinity Baptist Church
123 Wesson St
Pontiac, MI

Rev. John D. Tolbert, Pastor

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**October 18, 2015**

Baptist Day Service

Salem Union Baptist Church  
Nassau Bahamas

**October 20, 2015**  
**7:00 pm**

Moody Theological Seminary

41550 E Ann Arbor Trail  
Plymouth, MI 48170

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October 26-28, 2015
8:30 pm

Bethel Baptist Church

White Plains, NY
Dr. Edward O. Williamson

Just the Facts

Suppose denying a fact was as good as that fact never existing at all for the denier. All of the accumulated knowledge existing in the realm of fact would be exclusively subjective. Could you imagine a world constructed in this way? For example, imagine gravity being relative to a person's acknowledgment or disagreement. Or factual mathematic equations being manipulated based upon subjective denial. It is obvious that a world in which facts could be affected by arbitrary denial would be one where chaos reigned. Objectivity and authoritative standards would not be viable. It is plain to see that facts have no synergism with the contrary posture of any human. If a person disagrees with a fact, that fact continues to exist despite any such disagreement.

This is infinitely more valid for God's word than anything else. As Christians, we have been commissioned to share just the facts regarding the Gospel by various means and methods with compassion and creativity. However, instead of sharing the Gospel, Christians are often found sharing their personal beliefs or personal disapprovals regarding the behavior of unbelievers. It is as if some Christians believe that the facts of the Gospel are not adequate. The interesting thing about our personal ideas is that they are simply the product of self-induced mental activity which may or may not have implications for the hearer and certainly have no power to save. On the other hand, if we share the facts of the Gospel, those facts always have implications for the hearer, whether agreed upon or not. Those who are created by God may deny the facts He has revealed about Himself and salvation but those facts shall never fade. The fact is that God and His Gospel produce salvation power. No doubt we will encounter some who will not accept the Gospel of Jesus Christ upon our sharing. If a person rejects the facts of the Gospel their only recourse from the negative penalties is to eventually accept it. Understanding this, let it be that we endeavor to share just the facts with all and not our own ideas.

Sick and Shut-In

AYOLA, Sis. Patricia

BENTLEY, Sis. Elois

BENTLEY, Bro.
Christopher

BERRY, Deaconess
Rudelle

BERYL-BANKS,
Sis. Cynthia

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BUSCH, Bro. Leon

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DAVIS, Bro. Audtry

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HAWKES, Bro. Earnest

HELMS, Bro. Thomas

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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

JONES, Sis. Helen

JONES, Sis. Jennie

LINEBARGER,
Deaconess Nazell

LOGAN, Sis. Norma

LYNCH, Sis. Willie B.

MARTIN, Disciple Joan

MAYFIELD, Dr. Jean

MILLENER, Bro. Michael

NEAL, Sis. Lois

RANDALL, Sis. Jessie

ROBERTS, Sis. Mildred

SINGLETON, Sis. Martel

SMITH, Sis. Chanel

SPENCER, Sis. Nicole

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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Bro. James & Sis. Jacqueline Snodgrass for  
the loss of their niece,  
Sis. Mary Leola Snodgrass

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Trustee Claude & Sis. Shirley Reece for the loss
of her brother, Bro. Bernard Couch

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Sis. Gerlanda Coach for the loss of her son,  
Bro. Dionycio Coach

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Bro. Albert Washington for the loss of his aunt,
Sis. Delphine Washington

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Sis. Letitia Johnson for the loss of her father,  
Bro. Martin Patillo

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Sis. Nicole Heath for the loss of her mother,
Sis. Deanna Heath

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Bro. Evander Dickens for the loss of his wife,  
Sis. Carlyse Dickens

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Dea. Robert & Sis. Geraldine Clarke for the loss
of his cousin, Bro. Femi James

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Rev. Johnnie & Sis. Kathi Green for the loss of  
her father, Bro. James Calvin Riggins

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Sis. Cynthia Carter for the loss of her cousin,
Sis. Alma Jackson

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Min. Jennifer Ellison for the loss of her mother,  
Sis. Mildred Ellison

# Flowers Enhancing the Beauty of the Sanctuary

**October 4, 2015**

In Loving Memory of

**Deceased Members of the Sorosis Guild**

Placed by the Sorosis Guild

**October 11, 2015**

In Loving Memory of

**My Wife, Delcena Crawley**

Placed by Emile Crawley, Jr. & Family

**October 18, 2015**

In Loving Memory of

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

Placed by the Deacons' Ministry

**October 25, 2015**

In Memory of Beloved Mother (Oct 15, 1916 - July 1, 2000)

**Lue Ella Brooks**

Forever in our hearts ~ Carl N. Brooks & Family

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In Loving Memory of

Deceased Members of the Hospitality Ministry

Placed by the Hospitality Ministry

Sermon Topics

(all sermons by Pastor Johnson unless otherwise noted)

September 6
The Immanuel Factor
Psalm 46

September 13
Contentment in Discontented Circumstances
Philippians 4:10-14,19
Rev. Dr. Harriette Smiley

September 20
Lord, Teach Us How to Pray
Matthew 6:9-13

September 27
Come Close
Hebrews 4:16

Fellowship Hour

October 4 / November 1
Fellowship Experienced through
Observance of the Lord's Supper

October 11
Group #29

October 18
Deacons' and Deaconess' Ministries

October 25
Group #1

The Church Covenant: An Introduction

Goal:

To provide background information on the Church Covenant for the purpose of understanding our commitment to discipleship and how it impacts our Spiritual growth.

Objective:

To increase our levels of understanding and application of our covenant relationship with God and one another.

Introduction:

The Church Covenant we recite each first Sunday is a public declaration of some very powerful beliefs about our commitment to our relationship with God and the people of God. This covenant only becomes truth when we allow it to live through us. It becomes a living covenant when it defines our intention, warrants our continuous attention, and determines our actions. Join us in exploring a deeper meaning of the Church Covenant!

People, who have a covenant relationship with the Living God, have a mutual story to tell. Can we share that story if we don't know it? Our journey through the Church Covenant gives us an opportunity to individually and corporately discover who we are and what we have in Christ Jesus. These deep truths about our God, our relationship with Him, and each other ought to be the driving force that shapes our decisions and actions. Certainly, it is our relationship with Christ that determines our eternal destination!

When we take the time in the service to corporately recite the Church Covenant, what are we conveying to each other? Is it just a perfunctory exercise devoid of significance? Or does it express a peculiar uniqueness? All of these questions point to our identity—the essence of who we are as believers. Identity—what is so powerful about identity? Well, we find that our identity defines who we are, what we stand for, and what we believe and hope for. It is the seat of our deepest beliefs and assumptions about us and our lives. It is our very core. One writer states that identity answers two questions. "About what do we care? And how much do we dare?"¹

What happens to people who allow others to determine their identity? As an African American people, we have a history that is replete with examples of the dehumanizing effect of letting someone other than God dictate our identity. The

African American National Anthem records our struggle against a societal evil that devalued and diminished us. It is the story of a people whose faith in God preserved them in the midst of persecution. It tells of a God that comforted them in a time of deepest sorrow and grief. It portrays a God whose hand was a constant guide amid utter chaos. Its overriding theme is one of hope and triumph through saving grace! It is a praise testimony of the sovereign power of the Living God.

What can we learn together from our study through the Church Covenant? What truths can we uncover? We can find answers to some of the following questions:

- Who are we in Christ Jesus?
- How does our relationship with Christ place us into a covenant relationship with each other?
- How should this covenant shape our attitudes, behaviors and actions?
- How does it shape our interactions with each other?
- When we enter into covenant together what obligations do we have as stewards of the church?
- What ought to be the witness of a covenant people to the world?

"A church covenant is a declaration or pledge made to GOD, the church body and one's self. It is based upon the congregation's faith and acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. It is a commitment of how we agree to live as fellow Christians and how God expects us to live. The church covenant is based on the scriptures of the Bible and we know that all scripture is God breathed (2 Timothy 3:16). The Holy Spirit is the source that empowers the church to be obedient to the covenant. The Holy Spirit is also essential for life in the church. As believers of the covenant we are responsible and held accountable to live according to God's Word. We are to encourage fellow Christians to live holy and righteous lives (1 Timothy 5: 11). It is also our responsibility to correct or admonish our brothers and sisters who remain in sin (Matthew 18:15-17, 1 Corinthians 5). The covenant people of the church should consist of believers who have been transformed and renewed through the Holy Spirit (Romans 12:2). This represents the body of believers who have been truly born again." 2 Our journey begins...

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

The Church in Fellowship, Study, & Prayer

The Church in Fellowship
5:30 pm

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**October 7**

Big Sisters & Nurses Guild

**October 14**  
Group #29

**October 21**  
Women & Girls' Choir &  
Contemporary Christian Chorale

**October 28**  
Trustees' Ministry

**The Church in Study**  
6:30 pm

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Register today for this
session's courses.

For the full course manual visit
<http://online.fliphtml5.com/dklt/dbte/>

The Church in Prayer
7:30 pm

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**October 7**

Expectations for the next 26 weeks  
- Where we are going

**October 14**  
Importance of Prayer

**October 21**  
The Purpose of Prayer

**October 28**  
Persevering in Prayer

# Pastor's Pen Continued

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not tell us how to function in our situation. “Common sense” is sometimes mistaken for wisdom. All it takes to discover the fallacy in this position is to be faced with “uncommon” problems. When we are faced with uncommon problems, common sense won't help. What we need is “wisdom.” Wisdom is the proper application of knowledge. The wisdom we need is the God given capacity to understand your situation and with this understanding have the skill to live in and through your situation.

The only way to obtain what we lack is “to ask.” We must choose to not be silent, we must “ask.” The word “ask” is “aiteo.” There are two words often translated “ask.” One word is “eratao” which describes the “asking” of one person to another who shares equal footing, in other words, they are seen as equals. The word used here is “aiteo” which describes the asking of an inferior to a superior. To “ask” in this manner requires that one admit that the one that he makes his request to is greater than he is. You and I can never acquire what we need to cover our shortage of wisdom if do not come honestly admitting we are less than the one we seek relief. This verb strongly suggests an attitude of dependence.

The wisdom that we lack comes from only one source. All other sources of wisdom will be “lacking, short, insufficient” for the task at hand. This inadequate list includes intellect, experience, traditions and feelings. This list even includes your well-intentioned friends and your revered loved ones. The only source of this kind of wisdom is God. Why would we seek from that which is limited when we have available to us the One who exists outside all limitations?

God is not only without limitations, God is a giving God. He is inherently giving. God is the God who gives because giving is a permanent part of His nature. You and I often have problems with giving because giving is not a permanent part of our fallen nature. We give in spells, we give seasonally, and we give sentimentally but not essentially. God gives because He is essentially a giving God. The verb “gives” is parsed as a “present/

active/participle.” This parsing means that God acts upon Himself and gives in our real-time situations. The participle aspect of the verb suggests that God does this giving without broken continuity. He gives and He gives all the time.

James writes that God gives to all. This is wonderful news because we live in a world that practices partiality with a great flare. God is an impartial God. He is no respecter of person. He treats all of us who are a part of His family without favoritism. God also gives this wisdom liberally. When we give, we often give stingily, holding back, and with duplicity. In other words, we give deceitfully and with ulterior motives. God does not give like that. God does not give with strings attached. God does not give with hidden price-tags. God gives because He is giving.

Sometimes asking for help is hard because of the fear of reproach. Some people will help you, but you have to suffer so much negative talk before, while and after they give you what you ask for. James says God is not like that. God does not rehearse before you a litany of your faults. God does not go back into your past and remind you about how often he has helped you before. God does not say “you should know better.” God is not in the business of shaming His children who come to Him for wisdom. Don't let your past keep you from asking God for wisdom. James says “ask, it shall be given.”

Eugene Peterson's paraphrase of this verse makes it clear: “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 1:5, The Message) When you come to those times in life when you don't know what to do, don't worry or fret, ask God. He is more than willing to grant to you the wisdom you need to make it through. Wisdom: it's “yours for the asking.”

Shalom!

Pastor Nathan Johnson

# Weekly Sunday School Lessons

## 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               | Psalm 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            |

## SAUL EARNS CREDIBILITY

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| <b>Lesson 6</b>             | <b>October 11, 2015</b> |
| Devotional Reading:         | Psalm 18:20-30          |
| Background Scripture:       | Acts 9:19b-31           |
| Print Passage:              | Acts 9:19b-31           |
| Key Verse:                  | Acts 9:20               |
| 5 God's Perfect Way         | Psalm 18:20-30          |
| 6 God's Trustworthy Way     | Psalm 112:1-2,6-9       |
| 7 God's Holy Way            | 1 Peter 1:16-19         |
| 8 God's Generous Way        | Luke 11:32-36           |
| 9 God's Surprising Way      | Acts 9:1-9              |
| 10 God's Unconventional Way | Acts 9:10-19            |
| 11 Saul Earns Credibility   | Acts 9:20-31            |

## PETER TAKES A RISK

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| <b>Lesson 7</b>             | <b>October 18, 2015</b> |
| Devotional Reading:         | Romans 8:31-39          |
| Background Scripture:       | Acts 10:1-44            |
| Print Passage:              | Acts 10:24-38           |
| Key Verse:                  | Acts 10:34-35           |
| 12 God's Love Prevails      | Romans 8:31-39          |
| 13 Peter Takes a Risk       | Matthew 14:22-33        |
| 14 Lord of the Sabbath      | Matthew 12:1-8          |
| 15 Peter is Stretched       | Acts 10:1-16            |
| 16 Peter Follows Through    | Acts 10:17-23           |
| 17 God for All              | Acts 10:39-48           |
| 18 Peter Takes Another Risk | Acts 10:24-38           |

## TRUSTING THE SPIRIT

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| <b>Lesson 8</b>                       | <b>October 25, 2015</b> |
| Devotional Reading:                   | 1 Thessalonians 1:1-7   |
| Background Scripture:                 | Acts 11:1-18            |
| Print Passage:                        | Acts 11:1-18a           |
| Key Verse:                            | Acts 11:17              |
| 19 A Light to the Nations             | Isaiah 49:5-7           |
| 20 Water for Everyone                 | John 4:3-14             |
| 21 Your Gentle Defense                | 1 Peter 3:13-18         |
| 22 Strangers Become Heaven's Citizens | Ephesians 2:11-22       |
| 23 Following Good Examples            | Philippians 3:17-21     |
| 24 Called Christians                  | Acts 11:19-26           |
| 25 Trusting the Spirit                | Acts 11:1-18            |

## GOD RESCUES PETER

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|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Lesson 9</b>              | <b>November 1, 2015</b> |
| Devotional Reading:          | Psalm 18:1-9            |
| Background Scripture:        | Acts 12:1-24            |
| Print Passage:               | Acts 12:1-11            |
| Key Verse:                   | Acts 12:5               |
| 26 The Rock that Saves       | Psalm 18:1-9            |
| 27 The Shepherd Who Restores | Psalm 80:1-3,7,17-19    |
| 28 God Saves Daniel          | Daniel 6:19-23          |
| 29 The Faithful God          | Daniel 6:25-28          |
| 30 God Saves Paul            | Acts 27:14-25           |
| 31 The Freeing God           | Acts 12:12-18           |
| 1 God Rescues Peter          | Acts 12:1-11            |

## Reading Through the Bible in a Year

| October              |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 4 Isaiah 29,30       | Ephesians 6       |
| 5 Isaiah 31,32,33    | Philippians 1     |
| 6 Isaiah 34,35,36    | Philippians 2     |
| 7 Isaiah 37,38       | Philippians 3     |
| 8 Isaiah 39,40       | Philippians 4     |
| 9 Isaiah 41,42       | Colossians 1      |
| 10 Isaiah 43,44      | Colossians 2      |
| 11 Isaiah 45,46,47   | Colossians 3      |
| 12 Isaiah 48,49      | Colossians 4      |
| 13 Isaiah 50,51,52   | 1 Thessalonians 1 |
| 14 Isaiah 53,54,55   | 1 Thessalonians 2 |
| 15 Isaiah 56,57,58   | 1 Thessalonians 3 |
| 16 Isaiah 59,60,61   | 1 Thessalonians 4 |
| 17 Isaiah 62,63,64   | 1 Thessalonians 5 |
| 18 Isaiah 65,66      | 2 Thessalonians 1 |
| 19 Jeremiah 1,2      | 2 Thessalonians 2 |
| 20 Jeremiah 3,4      | 2 Thessalonians 3 |
| 21 Jeremiah 5,6      | 1 Timothy 1       |
| 22 Jeremiah 7,8      | 1 Timothy 2       |
| 23 Jeremiah 9,10     | 1 Timothy 3       |
| 24 Jeremiah 11,12,13 | 1 Timothy 4       |
| 25 Jeremiah 14,15,16 | 1 Timothy 5       |
| 26 Jeremiah 17,18,19 | 1 Timothy 6       |
| 27 Jeremiah 20,21,22 | 2 Timothy 1       |
| 28 Jeremiah 23,24    | 2 Timothy 2       |
| 29 Jeremiah 25,26    | 2 Timothy 3       |
| 30 Jeremiah 27,28    | 2 Timothy 4       |
| 31 Jeremiah 29,30    | Titus 1           |

# Important Announcements

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

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

Join Group #10/21 and the Worship Arts  
Ministry as we worship together through the  
arts!

The Church in Fellowship, Study, and Prayer  
October 7, 2015, 5:30 pm

Course Registration still open. The entire family  
is encouraged to participate as the Church  
comes together to seek the Lord together.

Boy Scouts Informational Meeting  
October 18, 2015, during fellowship hour

Faith, Hope & Love Pancake Breakfast  
October 10, 2015, 8:00 am

Super Saturday (Family, Fellowship, and Study)  
October 24, 2015, 9:00 am

Join the Women & Girls' and Men & Boys'  
Ministries as they meet together in their monthly  
fellowship and study.

Metropolitan District Congress of Christian  
Education (MEDCCE)  
October 10, 2015, 8:45 am - 12:00 noon

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

Hospitality is Easy as Pie Fellowship  
October 24, 2015, 3:00 pm

Join the Hospitality Ministry in this fellowship  
and fun experience. See any member of the  
Hospitality Ministry for more information.

Helping Operations for People Empowerment  
Presents the Four C's of Healthy Living  
October 10, 2015, 10:00 am

Meeting held at the Tabernacle Beechwood  
Campus. Contact Rev. Sam Spruill.

\*\*\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE 95th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY\*\*\*\*\*

"We Are the Body of Christ 95 Years Growing!"  
Romans 12:3-5

November 6, 2015, 7:00 pm - All Church Choir Concert (See Sis. Darnetta Banks)

November 7, 2015, 11:00 am - Anniversary Brunch (See Sis. Pam Stone)

November 8, 2015, 11:00 am - Celebratory Worship with Rev. Dr. William Shaw, Guest Preacher

\*\*\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE 2015 HOLIDAY SEASON\*\*\*\*\*

Annual Thanksgiving Outreach (See Rev. Debra Carter)  
November 26, 2015

Comfort & Care Ministry Holiday Fellowship (See Rev. Patricia Mobley)  
December 5, 2015, 9:00 am

Joys of Christmas Fellowship (Sponsored by Group #29)  
December 29, 2015, 3:00 pm



# SING A RAMA

Tab's Annual Family Night Celebration



Featuring

**Choirs of Tabernacle**

**"God's Gospel Hands" Tabernacle's Puppet Ministry**

and the

**Instrumental Ensemble**

**Sunday, October 11, 2015, 5:00 pm**

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*"Praise the Lord!  
Sing unto the Lord a new song, and His praise in the congregation of saints."  
(Psalm 149:1)*

Sponsored by the  
**"Do What You Can Ministry" (Group #10/21)**  
Dea. Lomas Shaw & Dea. Robert Brown, Group Leaders  
Sis. Anne Pearson, President  
Nathan Johnson, D.D., Senior Pastor

# TMBC Monthly Meetings

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| <b>Sunday – October 4, 2015</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Sunday– October 11</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 – October 5</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Monday – October 12</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 – October 6</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Tuesday – October 13</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 – October 7</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Wednesday – October 14</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 12:00 Noon Bible Study (Wednesdays, Morris)<br>5:30 Church in Fellowship (Wednesdays, Wilcoxson/Story)<br>6:00 Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Room 2156)<br>6:30 Church in Study (Wednesdays, Educational Wing)<br>7:30 Church in Prayer (Wednesdays, Chapel)                                                                                                                   | 12:00 Noon Bible Study (Wednesdays, Morris)<br>5:30 Church in Fellowship (Wednesdays, Wilcoxson/Story)<br>6:00 Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Room 2156)<br>6:30 Church in Study (Wednesdays, Educational Wing)<br>7:30 Church in Prayer (Wednesdays, Chapel)                                                                 |
| <b>Thursday – October 8</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Thursday – October 15</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 – October 9</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Friday – October 16</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <b>Saturday – October 10</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Saturday – October 17</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 – October 18</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 – October 19</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 – October 20</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 9:15 Staff Meeting<br>6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Wednesday – October 21</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 12:00 Noon Bible Study (Wednesdays, Morris)<br>5:30 Church in Fellowship (Wednesdays, Wilcoxson/Story)<br>6:00 Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Room 2156)<br>6:30 Church in Study (Wednesdays, Educational Wing)<br>7:30 Church in Prayer (Wednesdays, Chapel)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Thursday – October 22</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 23</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>Saturday – October 24</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 – October 25</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 – October 26</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 4:30 Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room)<br>6:00 Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting (Mondays, Room 2152 )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Tuesday – October 27</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 9:15 Staff Meeting<br>6:00 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Wednesday – October 28</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 12:00 Noon Bible Study (Wednesdays, Morris)<br>5:30 Church in Fellowship (Wednesdays, Wilcoxson/Story)<br>6:00 Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Room 2156)<br>6:30 Church in Study (Wednesdays, Educational Wing)<br>7:30 Church in Prayer (Wednesdays, Chapel)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Thursday – October 29</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 30</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <b>Saturday – October 31</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. |



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# 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



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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. |