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Every Sunday

Worship Service ..... 11:00 am  
 Sunday Church School ..... 9:30 am  
 Big Sisters - Children 2½-5 years - Child Development Center ..... 11:00 am

Observance of the Lord's Supper • Every 1st Sunday (11:00 am)  
 Baptism • Every 2nd Sunday (11:00 am) ..... Dedication of Babies • Every 3rd Sunday (11:00 am)  
 Children's Worship Celebration • Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday (11:00 am)

The Church in Fellowship, Study, and Prayer • Every Wednesday (5:30 pm)

# COME HOME TO FAMILY

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## An Attitude of Gratitude

There is a time of taking inventory for most stores. This taking of inventory is not only to determine what is needed, but to access how well business has been. We too ought to take inventory of our lives. We should do this access how good God has been to us. This personal inventory should produce an "attitude of gratitude." When we look around and truly observe, we would realize the vastness of our blessings. Far too many people don't see themselves as being blessed and therefore suffer from a poor "attitude of gratitude."

One of the reasons for this blindness of blessing is due to taking so much for granted. We just assume or expect that someone or something will always be available. This assumption leads us to a failure to say "thank you." We often wait to express our gratitude to people at their "celebration of life" instead of while they still have life. Say "thank you" to the people God has placed in your life. These people may have done something extraordinary for you or they may have consistently provided small acts of kindness. These people may be people who are members of your family or they may be someone you encountered only once. Regardless to the level of what was done, we should say

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## Pastor's Schedule

### April 5-8, 2016

#### City Wide Revival

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church  
735 20th Avenue, Gary, IN 48407  
Pastor Dr. Marion J. Johnson, Jr.

### April 10, 2016 - 3:30 pm

#### 1st Pastoral Anniversary

Unity Baptist Church  
7500 Tireman, Detroit, MI  
Pastor Lee C. Winfrey

### April 17, 2016, 3:00 pm

Second Baptist Church  
301 S. Hamilton, Ypsilanti, MI  
Pastor George Waddles Jr.

### April 19-22, 2016

Walnut Grove MBC  
1616 Walnut Grove, Clarksville, TN  
Pastor Dr. C. E. Livingston

### May 4-6, 2016 - 7:00 pm

First Institutional Baptist Church  
17101 W. Seven Mile, Detroit, MI  
Pastor Ryan P. Johnson

### May 11-13, 2016 - 7:00 pm

#### City Wide Revival

New Hope MBC  
130 Delaware, Grand Rapids, MI  
Pastor Lynn Mitchell

### May 17-19, 2016 - 7:00 pm

Second Baptist Church  
600 Donald Adkins Dr., Benton Harbor,  
Pastor Kenneth M. Gavin

### May 28, 2016 - 5:00 pm

#### Mortgage Burning Banquet

New Covenant MBC  
35100 Van Born Rd, Wayne, MI 48184  
Pastor J. Nathaniel Crout

## What's In Your Hand?

More than ever, people are absorbed in their devices. Everywhere, eyes are pinned on screens of every sort. Smart phones, I-pads, kindles, tablets and devices commandeer our time and attention. Social interaction occurs through social media accounts, like Facebook, Instagram, Flicker, Twitter, and others, replacing real time face to face contact. For many, the internet has become an addiction. Even in perilous situations, such as when driving a car, attention is drawn away from traffic to devices that put drivers and others at risk.

Even our ears are obstructed to the sounds around us by earphones, earbuds and earplugs. Ironically, as we become more absorbed in social media, we are, at the same time, becoming more isolated from one another. Even when people are together, there is no conversation because each one is absorbed in thumbing, not looking up but always looking down at a screen.

We Christians have an upward bound message to give. That uplifting message is that God created the world and everything in it. He wants us to look up and look around us, to see His handiwork and to unstop our ears and listen for His voice. The upward message is that God loves us and has promised never to leave us. He could have created us and stayed distant, apart from us and unconcerned about the affairs of the world and people. He could have stayed far off, so that He could not hear our cries in the darkness or see our pain and broken hearts. Instead, God stays close and gives us grace – His mercy, forgiveness, love and compassion.

God cares. He will not unfriend us, no matter how much we stray. He personally demonstrated that message to Moses and the Israelites when He led them out of slavery in Egypt. He gave that message to Joshua, when he strengthened him to conquer the Promised Land. He gave that message to David when he conquered his enemies and ruled over Israel.

## Sick and Shut-In

AYOLA, Sis. Patricia

BENTLEY, Sis. Elois

BENTLEY, Bro.  
Christopher

BERRY, Deaconess  
Rudelle

BERYL-BANKS,  
Sis. Cynthia

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BURKE, Bro. Louis

BUSCH, Bro. Leon

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CAGE, Deaconess Juanita

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FERGUSON, Sis. Mary

GALTNEY, Sis. Maxine

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HAMLIN, Sis. Eugenia

HAWKES, Bro. Earnest

HELMS, Bro. Thomas

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Gwendolyn

HICKS, Sis. Mary

HINES, Sis. Bernadine

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HUNTER,  
Deaconess Hassie

HUNTER, Bro. James

JACKSON, Bro. James

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JOHNSON, Sis. Ruby

JOHNSON, Sis. Verdell

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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

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SPENCER, Sis. Nicole

STEWART, Sis. Sharon

THOMAS, Sis. Margaret

TYLER, Bro. Eddie

WARREN, Sis. Thelma

WHITE, Sis. Thelma

WILLIAMS, Sis. Gola

WINDOM,  
Sis. Eddie June

## Condolences

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Dea. Delbert & Sis. Edith Fails for the loss of  
his sister, Sis. Massie Ruth Hayes

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Sis. Staci Williams for the loss of her mother,  
Sis. Sheila Starks

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Bro. Benjamin & Sis. Jonetta Cocroft for the  
loss of her mother, Sis. Maxine Unger

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Sis. Maxine Wright for the loss of her brother,  
Mr. Petronius Woodberry

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Dea. Stephen & Rev. Dr. Harriette Smiley for  
the loss of her mother,  
Sis. Thelma Louise Johnson

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Bro. Anthony Starks for the loss of his  
daughter, Sis. Tameka Ann Starks

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Rev. Delbert & Sis. Sandra Fails III for the loss  
of her mother, Sis. Gussie Crenshaw

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Sis. Edna Sansom for the loss of her sister,  
Sis. Mildrean Broumfield

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Sis. Edna Hampton for the loss of her sister,  
Sis. Mildred Moore Robinson

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Bro. Marzette Hill for the loss of his mother,  
Sis. Denise Yvonne Hill

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Sis. Delores Carter for the loss of her husband,  
Bro. Simon Carter

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Sis. Vivian Thomas for the loss of her mother,  
Sis. Fannie Mae Brown

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Bro. Harold Francis for the loss of his wife,  
Sis. Diane Davis Francis

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Bro. Carl Brooks for the loss of his aunt,  
Sis. Dixie Brooks

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Trustee Jay & Sis. Ceretta Westbrook for the  
loss of her father, Bro. Clarence Moore

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Bro. Langston Clark for the loss of his mother,  
Sis. Luveart Clark

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Bro. Robert Cliff for loss of his godmother,  
Sis. Willie Belle Donaldson

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Sis. Gina Moorman & Bro. Adonis Lockett for  
the loss of their cousin, Sis. Jenelle Burrell

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Dea. James McDonald and Sis. Iris Ayla  
for the loss of their mother,  
Sis. Charlotte Mae McDonald

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# Flowers Enhancing the Beauty of the Sanctuary

are dedicated...

## April 3, 2016

In loving memory of **Deceased Members of the Deacons' and Deaconess' Ministries.** Placed by the Deacons' Ministry.

## April 10, 2016

In memory of our beloved parents, **Earnest L. Robinson, Sr. & Juanita Stanford Robinson.** Placed there by Sandra Robinson Jackson and family.

## April 17, 2016

In celebration of the 57th Wedding Anniversary of **Mr. & Mrs. Roosevelt Wise.** Placed there by their children and grandchildren. Allison, Bradley, Arshad, Amirah.

## April 24, 2016

In loving memory of **George W. Hayes** on his birthday, April 10, 2016. Placed there by his wife, Edith, Lester, Linda, Ashley, Christopher, Dylan, Elana, Peggy, and D'Chaun.

# Sermon Topics

(all sermons by Pastor Johnson unless otherwise noted)

March 6

**The Church That Jesus Prayed For: A Church of Joy**  
John 7:13

March 13

**The Church that Jesus Prayed for: A Church Reserved for God**  
John 17:15-19

March 20

**Wanting What You Don't Need and Needing What You Don't Want**  
Matthew 21:6-11; 27:21-23

March 27

**Nobody Loves You Like God Loves You!**  
1 John 4: 9-10

# Fellowship Hour

**April 3 / May 1**

Fellowship Experienced through Observance of the Lord's Supper

**April 10**

**April 17**  
Group 6/23

**April 24**  
Group 25

# Writer's Ministry - Deacon's Lesson

**Lesson 7: Advancing in Knowledge and Holiness**

**Scripture:** 2 Peter 3

**Goal:** To embrace and fulfill our covenant relationship with God and one another.

**Objective:** To understand meaning and significance of advancing in knowledge and holiness as a church family.

**Introduction:**

The church covenant tells us that we must "strive for the advancement of the church in knowledge and holiness." The second epistle of Peter confirms our responsibility to fulfill this aspect of our covenant relationship with God and the advancement of his church. "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 3:18)." Peter closed his epistle by enjoining believers to grow in grace, grow in the unmerited favor of God, and grow in the gift of salvation. This suggests that the knowledge for which we strive is not knowledge in general. It is the kind of knowledge that forms us into what God called us to be. This growth in grace comes through knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Of all the ways a church can grow, to grow in knowledge and holiness is first in line. What is the importance of striving to grow in grace, to gain a deeper knowledge of God, and to grow in holiness as a corporate body of believers? Why is this essential to the health and witness of the church? How does it help us to deepen and realize the commitment we make to each other and God as we recite the church covenant each first Sunday?

We invite you to study together using a new lesson format. The "Dialogue Web" will allow you as a group to dig deep into the Word of God to unpack the truths that will help us grow. Be prepared to take an active part in the lessons, to utilize your Bible as the source for your inquiry, and to use guide questions to help you gain an understanding of what God has called us to be as the body of Christ. Each month, we will use key statements from our text; provide scriptures, guiding questions for your interactive class study session, as well as a lesson summary. In addition, the deacon

groups' instructors will be provided with a teacher's summary sheet to support the facilitation of the lesson. We invite you to duplicate the Dialogue Web for each class member. You may also duplicate the leader's guide as well. This will allow group members an opportunity to study the lesson as a part of the group and independently at home as well.

## Dialogue Web ~ an Interactive Bible Lesson Part 1: Advancing in Knowledge

In 2 Peter 3:18, the apostle Peter exhorts the church to strive to 'grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.' Striving suggests a sustained effort to push beyond the former boundaries. We grow in knowledge of God through intimate, personal and unfettered communion with Him, understanding the Scriptures' testimony of a God who requires that we do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with Him. [Micah 6:8]. The growth in grace comes through knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. A church may grow numerically. But it matters little if the church is not growing in its knowledge of God, its understanding of grace, and its holiness. Increase the size of a church facility without an understanding of what God has called the church to be and members won't know what to do with their building. And so, first and foremost, we strive for greater knowledge of God. It is the kind of knowledge that forms us into what God called us to be.

## Advancing in Knowledge Guiding Questions:

1. What does the Scripture teach us about the impact of growing in our knowledge of God?
2. Why is it important that we advance and increase our knowledge of God as a church family?
3. What are some ways in which we can grow in knowledge of God?

## Scriptures: What the Word Says:

1. Hosea 4: 6; I Cor. 8:2, I Tim 2: 4-5.
2. II Tim 3: 12-17
3. Romans 2: 10-16
4. Eph. 4: 11-14.
5. Phil 3: 8-10.

# The Church in Fellowship, Study, & Prayer

**The Church in Fellowship**  
5:30 pm

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**April 6**  
Group#25

**April 13**  
NO CLASS

**April 20**  
Wednesday Noon Bible Class

**April 27**  
Group #1

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

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Highlighted Dates

**April 13**  
Join us at  
Pleasant Grove MBC in the  
Metropolitan Annual District Session

**The Church in Prayer**  
7:30 pm

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**April 6**  
Recognizing His answers and  
activity in our world

**April 13**  
Presenting your personal petitions

**April 20**  
Powerful Prayer follows powerful  
relationships

**April 27**  
Dynamic corporate prayer requires  
the unity of one accord - both  
outward purpose and deep love for  
one another

# Pastor's Pen Continued

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“thank you.” Thank God for people in your life.

We tend to not be grateful for our health and strength until we are limited by some physical malady. Our fore parents would often thank God for a “reasonable portion of health and strength.” They often did not have perfect health but they thanked God for the quality of health they had. They understood what a blessing it was to have the strength to take care of themselves. They knew that the day could come when they might not possess these blessings, so they said “thank you.” Don’t take your health for granted; thank God now for health and strength.

It seemed strange to hear our ancestors thank God for a “roof over their head.” This was strange to us because most of us could not conceive of the idea of homelessness. This no longer is a strange idea; the possibility is painfully present all around us. We should be thankful for shelter. Your shelter could be a shanty, your shelter could be a mansion or anything in-between, thank God you are not outdoors.

In the “land of plenty” we assume there is no reason to be grateful for food and clothing. Too many of us have permitted our children to develop a selective, if not absent gratefulness concerning these things. We thank God for what we like to eat and fall short of thanking Him for not allowing us to go hungry. We thank God for designer clothes and not for keeping us from having nothing to cover our bodies. We, and our children, must thank God for food and clothing.

So far we have addressed people and possessions as reasons for an attitude for gratitude. However, there is more cause to be thankful than these. The wonder of salvation is a great cause for thankfulness. God loved us so much that He rescued us from eternal ruin. He did this by sacrificing His only begotten Son, Jesus, for our sins. He allowed Jesus to pay the debt we could not pay. Without this act of love, we would have no opportunity to be delivered from our doom. We should be grateful for this. Salvation also provides for us the presence of God in our lives. Because of salvation we have a future that is truly bright, a glorified body in the presence of God and all His glory. We also must have an unending appreciation for the grace and

mercy of God. It is the mercy of God that keeps us from receiving what we are due for our wrong. Grace on the other hand, keeps giving us what we don’t deserve. These undeserved blessings may be in the realm of the tangible or they may be in the form of fresh opportunities to get it right.

We should check our attitude. Have we taken our blessings for granted? Have we taken God for granted? Let us decide from this day forward to have an “attitude of gratitude.” We have so much to thank God for! The prolific composer of gospel music, Richard Smallwood, uses these words to express his “attitude of gratitude.”

*For the many times I've fallen  
And yet You forgave me, thank You,  
Lord, I thank You  
For unmerited favor,  
And Your brand new mercies  
Thank You, how I thank You  
For wakin' me up this morning  
For letting me see one more dawning  
Thank You, Lord, I thank You,  
I thank You, Lord,*

*For life, health, and strength  
For food and for shelter,  
thank You, Lord, I thank You  
If I had ten thousand tongues  
It just wouldn't be enough to say  
Thank You, how I thank You  
For wakin' me up this morning  
For letting me see one more dawning  
Thank You, Lord, I thank You,  
I thank You, Lord,*

*For saving my soul, for making me whole  
For calming my fears, for wiping my tears  
And letting me know that I'm not alone  
For wakin' me up this morning  
For letting me see one more dawning  
Thank You, I thank You, Lord*

*Richard Smallwood - Thank You*

Shalom,

Pastor Nathan Johnson

# Weekly Sunday School Lessons

## Renewed Health

### Lesson 5

**April 3, 2016**  
Devotional Reading: Malachi 3:16-4:2  
Background Scripture: Luke 7:1-10  
Print Passage: Luke 7:1-10  
Key Verse: Luke 7:9  
28 Rebuilding Health Isaiah 58:6-12  
29 Healing Wings Malachi 3:16-4:2  
30 Words of Healing Proverbs 12:1-2; 13:16-17; 16:22-24  
31 Total Health Matthew 4:23-25; 53-11  
1 Emotional Health Matthew 6:16-27  
2 Eternal Health Matthew 6:16-27  
3 Renewed Health Luke 7:1-10

## A Reversal of Shame

### Lesson 6

**April 10, 2016**  
Devotional Reading: Psalm 13  
Background Scripture: Luke 7:36-50  
Print Passage: Luke 7:36-50  
Key Verse: Luke 7:47  
4 Israel's Salvation Exodus 14:30-15:3  
5 David's Deliverance 2 Samuel 22:2-7, 17-20  
6 Prevailing Trust Psalm 13  
7 Fulfilled Trust 2 Samuel 7:8-12  
8 Triumphant Trust Psalm 54  
9 Trust without Shame 2 Timothy 1:8-14  
10 A Reversal of Shame Luke 7:36-50

## A Sound Mind

### Lesson 7

**April 17, 2016**  
Devotional Reading: Philippians 2:1-11  
Background Scripture: Luke 8:26-39  
Print Passage: Luke 8:26-36  
Key Verse: Luke 8:35  
11 Completeness in God Isaiah 61:1-7  
12 Renewed Relationship Jeremiah 31:21, 31-35  
13 Steadfast Love Psalm 119:41-48  
14 Disciplined Freedom 1 Corinthians 9:19-27  
15 Freedom in the Spirit Romans 8:1-11  
16 Christian Freedom Philippians 2:1-11  
17 A Sound Mind Luke 8:26-36

## A Family Reunion

### Lesson 8

**April 24, 2016**  
Devotional Reading: Luke 15:1-7  
Background Scripture: Luke 15:11-32  
Print Passage: Luke 15:11-24  
Key Verse: Luke 15:24  
18 The Father's Gift Matthew 7:7-12  
19 Called into Family 2 Timothy 1:3-10  
20 The Generosity of God 2 Corinthians 9:6-11  
21 Eternal Family Romans 5:12-21  
22 Journeying from Family Acts 20:17-24  
23 The Lost Brought Home Luke 15:1-7  
24 A Family Reunion Luke 15:11-24

## Increased Faith

### Lesson 9

**May 1, 2016**  
Devotional Reading: Jeremiah 23:33-24:6  
Background Scripture: Luke 17:1-10  
Print Passage: Luke 17:1-10  
Key Verse: Luke 17:3  
25 Kept by God's Faithfulness Genesis 28:13-17  
26 Fed by God's Faithfulness Deuteronomy 2:4-8  
27 Helped by God's Faithfulness Psalm 121  
28 Saved by God's Faithfulness Jeremiah 23:33-24:6  
29 Living with Integrity Psalm 101:1-4,6-7  
30 Strength for Faithful Living Luke 21:33-38  
1 Increased Faith Luke 17:1-10

## Reading Through the Bible in a Year

### April

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|----|-------------------|---------------|
| 3  | Judges 10,11      | Luke 9:1-36   |
| 4  | Judges 12,13,14   | Luke 9:37-62  |
| 5  | Judges 15,16,17   | Luke 10:1-24  |
| 6  | Judges 18,19      | Luke 10:25-42 |
| 7  | Judges 20,21      | Luke 11:1-28  |
| 8  | Ruth 1,2,3,4      | Luke 11:29-54 |
| 9  | 1 Samuel 1,2,3    | Luke 12:1-34  |
| 10 | 1 Samuel 4,5,6    | Luke 12:35-59 |
| 11 | 1 Samuel 7,8,9    | Luke 13:1-21  |
| 12 | 1 Samuel 10,11,12 | Luke 13:22-35 |
| 13 | 1 Samuel 13,14    | Luke 14:1-24  |
| 14 | 1 Samuel 15,16    | Luke 14:25-35 |
| 15 | 1 Samuel 17,18    | Luke 15:1-10  |
| 16 | 1 Samuel 19,20,21 | Luke 15:11-32 |
| 17 | 1 Samuel 22,23,24 | Luke 16:1-18  |
| 18 | 1 Samuel 25,26    | Luke 16:19-31 |
| 19 | 1 Samuel 27,28,29 | Luke 17:1-19  |
| 20 | 1 Samuel 30,31    | Luke 17:20-37 |
| 21 | 2 Samuel 1,2,3    | Luke 18:1-17  |
| 22 | 2 Samuel 4,5,6    | Luke 18:18-43 |
| 23 | 2 Samuel 7,8,9    | Luke 19:1-28  |
| 24 | 2 Samuel 10,11,12 | Luke 19:29-48 |
| 25 | 2 Samuel 13,14    | Luke 20:1-26  |
| 26 | 2 Samuel 15,16    | Luke 20:27-47 |
| 27 | 2 Samuel 17,18    | Luke 21:1-19  |
| 28 | 2 Samuel 19,20    | Luke 21:20-38 |
| 29 | 2 Samuel 21,22    | Luke 22:1-30  |
| 30 | 2 Samuel 23,24    | Luke 22:31-53 |

# Congress of Christian Education Annual Session



Strengthening Churches and Advancing the Kingdom through Partnership - Hebrews 10:24-25

**Monday, April 11, 2016 - Friday, April 15, 2016**

Register online today at <http://www.metropolitanbaptistdistrict.org>

**April 11, 2016, 7:00 pm**

Congress Concert

**April 12-15, 2016, 5:00 - 7:20 pm**

Class Period

(Attendance and participation all four days are required for a course card)

**April 12-15, 2016, 7:30 pm**

Nightly Evening Session

**Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church**

13651 Dequindre St, Detroit, MI 48212

Rev. Dr. Louis Forsythe, *Host Pastor*

Dean Toniya King, *Dean*

Rev. Ronald C. Burks, *President*

Rev. Nathan Johnson, D.D., *Moderator*

**COURSES OFFERED**

**Introduction to the New Testament**

*Phase 1 - #1072*

**The Synoptic Gospels**

*Phase 2 - #1075*

**Survey of John**

*Phase 3 - #1070*

**Creative Ways of Teaching**

*Teacher's Certification - #2023*

**Organizing the Church for Christian Education**

*Phase 4 - #6013*

**Introduction to Christian Ministries**

*Elective - #8001*

**Writing Techniques II**

*Phase 3 - #9005*

**Say Yes to No Debt: 12 Steps to Financial Freedom**

*Workshop*

**The Purpose, Power, and Practice of Worship**

*Workshop*

**Youth Ministry (ages 13-18)**

**Children's Ministry (ages 12 and under)**

## Important Announcements

**Fellowship Fridays (Youth Ministry)**

**April 1, 2016, 6:00 pm (Weekly on Fridays)**

Be sure to check the website for this weekly Youth Ministry fellowship. Different activities each Friday. See Sis. Donna Kitchen for more information.

**Drama Ministry Auditions**

**April 8, 2016, 5:00 -7:00 pm**

All ages are invited to audition for the play, "There is Power in the Name of Jesus" directed by Rev. Debra Carter. There's room for everyone. Come out and share your creative talents. The play will be presented during the annual Sing-A-Rama sponsored by Group 10/21 - Do What You Can Ministry. Additional audition/rehearsal. See Rev. Debra Carter or Deaconess Anne Pearson for more information.

**Coffee with the Chief**

**April 9, 2016, 10:00 am**

Join Group #7 as they host Chief James Craig for an informative community meeting.

**Four Season's Tea**

**April 10, 2016, 3:00 pm**

Join Group #2/16 as they host their annual Four Season's Tea. See any group member to reserve your space today.

**Super Saturday**

**April 23, 2016, 9:00 am**

Join the Men & Boys' & Women & Girls' Ministries for their monthly meeting of fellowship and discipleship. Learn how to navigate this life with a Christian worldview.

**Graduation is Coming Soon!**

**deadline May 20, 2016**

Group #12 and the Leadership Council are gearing up to celebrate your achievements. Submit information regarding your graduate no later than May 20, 2016 in order to be included in the Tabernacle Year book and the graduation Sunday planned for June 12, 2016.

**Teen Girls' Retreat (Women & Girls' Ministry)**

**July 7-9, 2016**

Girls 13-18 years old, it's that time of year to begin planning for the annual retreat. We are returning to the Michindoh Conference Center in Hillsdale, MI. Reserve your spot with Sis. Patti Powell or Sis. Danielle Hawk. Registration opens May 22nd.

**Annual Women's Day Weekend**

**July 30-31, 2016**

Save the dates for the Annual Women's Day Weekend. More information will come soon. Theme Scripture, Proverbs 3:5-6.

## What's In Your Hand? (continued from page 2)

If we are the generation of the internet and the smart phone, let us at least send out a message of hope to those we contact. Let us tell how Jesus was born of the virgin Mary. Tell how He died to save us from our sins and how He will, in due time, call up His church in the rapture, the dead first and then those that are alive. Tell how we will receive glorified bodies that can never die and be forever with the Lord. Most of all, tell how Jesus gave His life as a sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins, escaped the dark imprisonment of the tomb and now lives forever more. If that message passes through every smart phone and high tech device, then it is being put to excellent use.

God has put something wonderful in our hands. Let us use what He has given us to spread the wonderful Word of life, the uplifting message of hope – that Jesus lives and He saves us to the uttermost by His grace.

# TMBC Monthly Meetings

| <b>Sunday – April 3, 2016</b> |                                                                                             |
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| 8:15                          | Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson)                                                             |
| 9:30                          | Sunday Church School                                                                        |
| 11:00                         | Morning Worship (Lord's Supper, 1st Sundays)                                                |
| 11:00                         | Children's Ministry (1st & 3rd Sundays, Morris)                                             |
| 1:30                          | Cherub Choir Rehearsal (1st & 3rd Sundays, Choir Room)                                      |
| 1:30                          | Group #7 (1st Sundays, Wilcoxson)                                                           |
| 6:00                          | Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)                                                 |
| <b>Monday – April 4</b>       |                                                                                             |
| 4:30                          | Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room)                                                       |
| 6:00                          | Hospitality (Monday after first Sunday, Wilcoxson Room)                                     |
| 6:00                          | Super Saturday Women & Girls' Committee Meeting (Monday after 1st & 3rd Sundays, Room 2157) |
| 6:00                          | Women's Retreat Meeting (Room 2156)                                                         |
| <b>Tuesday – April 5</b>      |                                                                                             |
| 9:15                          | Staff Meeting                                                                               |
| 10:00                         | AARP Chapter 4803 (2nd Monday/1st Tuesday, Morris)                                          |
| 6:00                          | Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)                                                 |
| <b>Wednesday – April 6</b>    |                                                                                             |
| 12:00                         | Noon Bible Study (Wednesdays, Morris)                                                       |
| 5:30                          | Church in Fellowship (Wednesdays, Wilcoxson/Story)                                          |
| 6:00                          | Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Chapel)                                                  |
| 6:30                          | Church in Study (Wednesdays, Educational Wing)                                              |
| 7:30                          | Church in Prayer (Wednesdays, Sanctuary)                                                    |
| <b>Thursday – April 7</b>     |                                                                                             |
| 5:00                          | Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)                                                |
| 6:00                          | Silent Ministry (Thursdays, Room 2164)                                                      |
| 6:30                          | Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)                                          |
| <b>Friday – April 8</b>       |                                                                                             |
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| <b>Saturday – April 9</b>     |                                                                                             |
| 12:00                         | Quilting, Crocheting, and Knitting Class (Saturdays, Room 2159)                             |
| 12:00                         | Narcotics Anonymous (NA, Beechwood Campus)                                                  |
| 1:00                          | Sorosis Guild (Saturday after 1st Sunday, Room 2156)                                        |
| 1:00                          | Contemporary Christian Chorale Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room)                            |
| 2:00                          | Blessed Hearts Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room)                                            |
| 2:30                          | Women & Girls' Choir Rehearsal (Saturdays, Chapel)                                          |
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| <b>10:00</b>                  | <b>Coffee with the Chief of Police Community Meeting</b>                                    |

| <b>Sunday- April 10</b>     |                                                                             |
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| 8:15                        | Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson)                                             |
| 9:30                        | Sunday Church School                                                        |
| 11:00                       | Morning Worship (Baptism, 2nd Sundays)                                      |
| 1:30                        | Group #15 (2nd Sundays, Story Room)                                         |
| 1:30                        | Group #2/16 (2nd Sundays, Morris Room)                                      |
| 6:00                        | Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)                                 |
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| <b>3:00</b>                 | <b>Four Seasons Tea</b>                                                     |
| <b>Monday – April 11</b>    |                                                                             |
| 10:00                       | AARP Chapter 4803 (Morris Room)                                             |
| 4:30                        | Prayer Partners (Quiet Room)                                                |
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| <b>5:00</b>                 | <b>Metropolitan District Congress Choir Concert</b>                         |
| <b>Tuesday – April 12</b>   |                                                                             |
| 9:15                        | Staff Meeting                                                               |
| 6:00                        | Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)                                 |
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| <b>5:00</b>                 | <b>Metropolitan District Congress Annual Session (Pleasant Grove MBC)</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday – April 13</b> |                                                                             |
| 12:00                       | Noon Bible Study (Wednesdays, Morris)                                       |
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| <b>5:00</b>                 | <b>Metropolitan District Congress Annual Session (Pleasant Grove MBC)</b>   |
| <b>Thursday – April 14</b>  |                                                                             |
| 5:00                        | Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)                                |
| 6:00                        | Northwestern Alumni Association (Thursday after 2nd Sunday, Wilcoxson Room) |
| 6:00                        | Silent Ministry (Thursdays, Room 2164)                                      |
| 6:30                        | Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)                          |
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| <b>5:00</b>                 | <b>Metropolitan District Congress Annual Session (Pleasant Grove MBC)</b>   |
| <b>Friday – April 15</b>    |                                                                             |
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| <b>5:00</b>                 | <b>Metropolitan District Congress Annual Session (Pleasant Grove MBC)</b>   |
| <b>Saturday – April 16</b>  |                                                                             |
| 11:00                       | Evangelism Meeting (Saturday before 3rd Sunday, Room 2156)                  |
| 12:00                       | Quilting, Crocheting, and Knitting Class (Saturdays, Room 2159)             |
| 12:00                       | Narcotics Anonymous (NA, Beechwood Campus)                                  |
| 1:00                        | Contemporary Christian Chorale Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room)            |
| 2:30                        | Women & Girls' Choir Rehearsal (Saturdays, Chapel)                          |
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| <b>10:00</b>                | <b>Columbus Block Club (Room 2156)</b>                                      |
| <b>5:00</b>                 | <b>Turning Point AA (Morris Room)</b>                                       |

| <b>Sunday – April 17</b>    |                                                                                             |
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| 8:15                        | Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson)                                                             |
| 9:30                        | Sunday Church School                                                                        |
| 11:00                       | Morning Worship (Baby Dedication, 3rd Sundays)                                              |
| 11:00                       | Children's Ministry (1st & 3rd Sundays, Morris)                                             |
| 1:30                        | Cherub Choir Rehearsal (1st & 3rd Sundays, Choir Room)                                      |
| 1:30                        | Group #1 (3rd Sundays, Chapel)                                                              |
| 1:30                        | Group #10/21 (3rd Sundays, Room 2173)                                                       |
| 1:30                        | Group #12 (3rd Sundays, Wilcoxson)                                                          |
| 1:30                        | Group #18 (3rd Sundays, Story)                                                              |
| 1:30                        | Group #25 (3rd Sundays, Room 2176/2179)                                                     |
| 1:30                        | Group #29 (3rd Sundays, Room 2161)                                                          |
| 1:30                        | Group #4 (3rd Sundays, Room 2165)                                                           |
| 1:30                        | Teen Council Meeting (3rd Sunday, Room 2159)                                                |
| 1:30                        | Marr-O-Nots Fellowship (3rd Sunday, Room 2156)                                              |
| 6:00                        | Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)                                                 |
| <b>Monday – April 18</b>    |                                                                                             |
| 4:30                        | Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room)                                                       |
| 6:00                        | Super Saturday Women & Girls' Committee Meeting (Monday after 1st & 3rd Sundays, Room 2157) |
| 6:00                        | Deacon's Ministry (Monday after 3rd Sunday, Board Room)                                     |
| 6:30                        | Sunday School Worker's Conference (Monday after 3rd Sunday, Wilcoxson/Story Room)           |
| <b>Tuesday – April 19</b>   |                                                                                             |
| 9:15                        | Staff Meeting                                                                               |
| 6:00                        | Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)                                                 |
| <b>Wednesday – April 20</b> |                                                                                             |
| 12:00                       | Noon Bible Study (Wednesdays, Morris)                                                       |
| 5:30                        | Church in Fellowship (Wednesdays, Wilcoxson/Story)                                          |
| 6:00                        | Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Chapel)                                                  |
| 6:30                        | Church in Study (Wednesdays, Educational Wing)                                              |
| 7:30                        | Church in Prayer (Wednesdays, Sanctuary)                                                    |
| <b>Thursday – April 21</b>  |                                                                                             |
| 11:30                       | Tab Tymers (Morris Room)                                                                    |
| 2:00                        | Westsidiers (Morris Room)                                                                   |
| 5:00                        | Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)                                                |
| 6:00                        | Silent Ministry (Thursdays, Room 2164)                                                      |
| 6:30                        | Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)                                          |
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| <b>6:00</b>                 | <b>Northwestern Alumni (Morris)</b>                                                         |
| <b>Friday – April 22</b>    |                                                                                             |
| 6:00                        | Fellowship Friday (Youth Ministry)                                                          |
| <b>Saturday – April 23</b>  |                                                                                             |
| 12:00                       | Quilting, Crocheting, and Knitting Class (Saturdays, Room 2159)                             |
| 12:00                       | Narcotics Anonymous (NA, Beechwood Campus)                                                  |
| 1:00                        | Contemporary Christian Chorale Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room)                            |
| 2:30                        | Women & Girls' Choir Rehearsal (Saturdays, Chapel)                                          |
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| <b>4:00</b>                 | <b>Bahamas Fellowship Dinner (Morris)</b>                                                   |

| <b>Sunday – April 24</b>    |                                                                      |
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| 8:15                        | Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson)                                      |
| 9:30                        | Sunday Church School                                                 |
| 11:00                       | Morning Worship                                                      |
| 1:30                        | Group #19/26/28 (4th Sundays, Wilcoxson)                             |
| 1:30                        | Group #24 (4th Sundays, Morris)                                      |
| 1:30                        | Group #6/23 (4th Sundays, Room 2151)                                 |
| 1:30                        | Health Ministry (4th Sunday, Usher Board Room)                       |
| 6:00                        | Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)                          |
| <b>Monday – April 25</b>    |                                                                      |
| 4:30                        | Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room)                                |
| <b>Tuesday – April 26</b>   |                                                                      |
| 9:15                        | Staff Meeting                                                        |
| 6:00                        | Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)                          |
| <b>Wednesday – April 27</b> |                                                                      |
| 12:00                       | Noon Bible Study (Wednesdays, Morris)                                |
| 5:30                        | Church in Fellowship (Wednesdays, Wilcoxson/Story)                   |
| 6:00                        | Teacher's Preparation (Wednesdays, Chapel)                           |
| 6:30                        | Church in Study (Wednesdays, Educational Wing)                       |
| 7:30                        | Church in Prayer (Wednesdays, Sanctuary)                             |
| <b>Thursday – April 28</b>  |                                                                      |
| 5:00                        | Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)                         |
| 6:00                        | Silent Ministry (Thursdays, Room 2164)                               |
| 6:30                        | Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)                   |
| <b>Friday – April 29</b>    |                                                                      |
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| <b>4:00</b>                 | <b>Moody Graduation Dinner (Fellowship)</b>                          |
| <b>Saturday – April 30</b>  |                                                                      |
| 7:00                        | Minister/Disciple's Meeting (Morris Room)                            |
| 10:00                       | Leadership Council (Saturday before 1st Sunday, Room 2156)           |
| 12:00                       | Quilting, Crocheting, and Knitting Class (Saturdays, Room 2159)      |
| 12:00                       | Narcotics Anonymous (NA, Beechwood Campus)                           |
| 1:00                        | Contemporary Christian Chorale Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room)     |
| 1:00                        | Usher Instruction (Saturday before 1st Sunday, Usher Board Room)     |
| 2:00                        | Usher General Meeting (Saturday before 1st Sunday, Usher Board Room) |
| 2:00                        | Blessed Hearts Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room)                     |
| 2:30                        | Women & Girls' Choir Rehearsal (Saturdays, Chapel)                   |
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| <b>9:00</b>                 | <b>Moody Graduation (Sanctuary)</b>                                  |