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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Every Sunday

Worship Service . . . . .	11:00 am
Sunday Church School . . . . .	9:30 am
New Member's Class . . . . .	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

A Monthly Publication of the Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church Volume 9, Issue 1



## Fresh Opportunities!

The Lord has brought us through another year and to another year. He has brought to a New Year of fresh opportunities. Opportunities to love more, forgive more, serve more, grow more, and even experience more of what it means to be a follower of Christ. We are faced with the question of "how to make the most of these opportunities?" The writer of Hebrews challenges in chapter 12, verse 1. *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us."* (Hebrews 12:1, NLT)

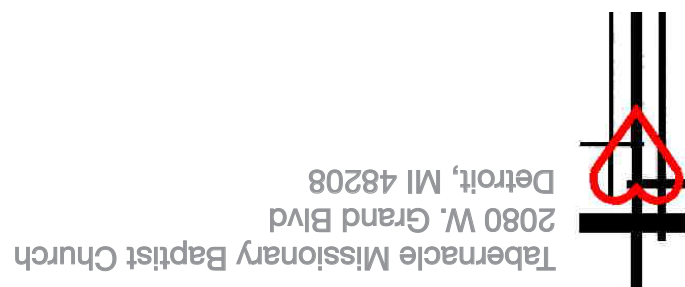
Many times we forfeit the blessings of a New Year by refusing to rid ourselves of those things with encumber us. We frequently refuse to let go of the things that slow us down. These things are often considered not to be immoral but amoral. Amoral has to do with things that are without moral quality. These amoral things become a hindrance when we allow them to get in the way of taking advantage of the fresh opportunities God has provided. What is slowing you down?

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# Pastor's Schedule

January 2017

**January 9-12, 2017**  
**Mid-Winter Board Meeting**  
Birmingham, AL

**January 25-27, 2017 - 7:00pm**  
**Leadership Conference**  
Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
3600 Van Dyke, Detroit, MI

## Sermon Topics

December 4  
**Confident in a Crazy World**  
Psalm 23

December 11  
**Blessed are Those Who Trust God**  
Psalm 146:5-10

December 18  
**The Hope of Christmas**  
Isaiah 12

December 25  
**God's Perfect Gift**  
Isaiah 9:6

(all sermons by Pastor Johnson unless otherwise noted)

## He Is Truth

How committed are you to knowing, speaking, and acting upon the truth? It appears we are living in a time when the world has turned its back on the truth. Our culture is deluged with fake news, malicious falsehoods, and misinformation. With the uncanny speed of twitter, Facebook, Instagram and other forms of social media, lies fly unchecked. Wrong information has harmed many innocent victims.

There is no doubt that the truth of a matter may cause pain and discomfiture, especially when we must abandon old ideas and convictions. Truth requires us to engage in deep introspection, to see if our choices and conduct comport with that truth. Truth, however, also sets us free, liberates us from "stinky thinking" and unholy practices. It takes courage to accept the truth, speak the truth, and stand on the truth. The Gospel is the repository of truth, upon which we as Christians, must stand.

In John 13:37-38, Jesus, standing before Pilate, proclaims: "Everyone who hears My voice knows the truth" -- to which Pilate responds by asking the question: "What is truth?" Blind to the reality that Jesus is the Son of God, Pilate misses the implication altogether. Truth is not a "what" but a "who." The Personification of Truth is the Second Person of the Godhead, Jesus Christ, who stood without sin in the presence of Pilate. To all those who believe, Jesus proclaims: "I am the way, the truth and the life; ..."

As Jesus ministered from Galilee in the north to Jerusalem and beyond the Jordan in the south of Palestine, approximately eighty miles, He preached the truth, the words of life, and demonstrated the love and glory of God. Wherever Jesus ministered, He often began with the words: "Verily, verily, I say unto you ..." which is another way of saying "Truly, truly, I say to you...". As our understanding

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# Sick and Shut-In

ARNOLD, Sis. Nancy

AYOLA, Sis. Patricia

BENTLEY, Sis. Elois

BENTLEY, Bro. Christopher

BERRY, Deaconess Rudelle

BERYL-BANKS,  
Sis. Cynthia

BRADLEY, Bro. James

BRUNSON, Bro. Todd

BRYANT, Sis. Mattie

BUSCH, Bro. Leon

BYAS, Sis. Flora

CAGE, Deaconess Juanita

COLLINS, Sis. Ruth

FERGUSON, Sis. Mary

GALTNEY, Sis. Maxine

GEORGE, Deacon John

GILCHRIST, Sis. Doris

HAMLIN, Sis. Eugenia

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HINES, Sis. Bernadine

HORTON, Sis. Carrie

HUNTER,  
Deaconess Hassie

HUNTER, Bro. James

JOHNSON, Sis. Audrey

JOHNSON, Sis. Lois

JOHNSON, Sis. Ruby

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Deaconess Nazell

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ROBERTS, Sis. Mildred

SINGLETON, Sis. Martel

SMITH, Sis. Alnieda

SMITH, Sis. Chanel

SPENCER, Sis. Nicole

STEWART, Sis. Sharon

THOMAS, Sis. Margaret

TYLER, Bro. Eddie

WELCH, Sis. Nettie

WHITE, Sis. Thelma

WILLIAMS, Sis. Gola

WINDOM,  
Sis. Eddie June

# Condolences

Sis. Judy Norwood for the loss of her mother,  
Sis. Mabel Taylor  
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Bro. Othell & Sis. Shirley Little for the loss of  
his aunt, Sis. Gertrude Little  
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Bro. Edward & Sis. Erica Watkins for the loss of  
their son, Emarjae Lee Watkins  
~~~

Sis. Sharon Jones Williams for the loss of her  
mother, Sis. Jennie Jones  
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Bro. Theartie Davis for the loss of his father,  
Bro. Autrey Davis  
~~~

Rev. Terry Robinson for the loss of his sister,  
Sis. Iue Jackson  
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Bro. Lary Dixon for the loss of his mother,  
Sis. Mary Louise Brady  
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Bro. Robert Irvin for the loss of his wife,  
Sis. Beuton Bagley  
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Bro. Lawrence Washington for the loss of his  
mother, Sis. Pearline Washington  
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Dea. Walter & Sis. Connie Presley for the loss  
of their aunt, Sis. Bessie Stephen  
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Sis. Tajai Stewart for the loss of her  
grandfather, Bro. George Moore  
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# Breakfast with Pastor

Saturday, January 21, 2017

9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Girls, Teens, Women of all ages are welcome!  
Reservations accepted January 8th or January 15th!

Sponsored by the Women & Girls' Ministry  
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## Writer's Ministry - Deacon's Lesson

**Lesson 16:**  
Be Just and Faithful in Service

**Scriptures:**  
1 Thessalonians 4; Ephesians 4; 2 Thessalonians 3

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

**Objective:**

- To understand that our conduct at work reveals to the unsaved world whether or not having a saving faith in Jesus Christ has the power to change our lives for the good.

**Church Covenant Segment:**  
We engage...to be kind and just to those in our employ, and faithful in the service we promise others."

**Introduction:**  
As a community of believers in Christ Jesus, we are compelled to exemplify godly character in all that we do. By our profession of faith, we are called to a higher standard whereby our lives should reflect the image of Christ. To be just and faithful in our services should reveal that our good deeds extend beyond the church walls. This gives testimony of our relationship with Christ. Moreover, when Christians are diligent, kind and just in the workplace, this can produce a spiritually healthy environment that could afford an opportunity to present Christ to others. Oh what a joy it is when a co-worker accepts Christ as their Lord and Savior and receives the gift of salvation. Paul admonishes us to live and act worthy of the calling, God's sovereign call to salvation, and to make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit. Our conduct should image Christ.

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, urge you to walk worthy of the calling you have received... diligently keeping the unity of the Spirit with the peace that binds [us]. (Holman Christian Standard Bible) [HCSB] Ephesians 4:1, 3

**Focus Statement:**

- The focus of the Covenant is on kindness, justice, and honest work ("faithful in the service we promise others").

This is clearly amplified in Paul's letter to the Thessalonians. ....*But we encourage you brothers, to do so even more, to seek to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you, so that you may walk properly in the presence of outsiders and not be dependent on anyone.* (HCSB) 1 Thessalonians 4:10b-12

Our personal work ethic presents a compelling composite of our inner life in Jesus Christ. When we demonstrate that we have integrity in our work, we give a powerful witness of virtue that flows from God's standards. We have many opportunities to show that God dwells in our hearts by our work habits. Do you put in an honest day's work for an honest day's pay? It's in the little things such as: being punctual, not shaving time off from our regular schedules, being productive and not slothful at work, or using work time for personal matters. We might not get caught by our employers, but we are accountable to God. Even more so, when we engage in unethical habits continually, we become ethically, morally, and spiritually dulled to sin in our lives. We stand the terrible chance of growing "spiritually distant" from God. Nothing would please the devil more than to see us dishonor God by our work habits.

The Apostle Paul presents a powerful model for us. *We did not eat anyone's bread free of charge; instead, we labored and toiled, working night and day, so that we would not be a burden to any of you. It is not that we don't have the right [to support], but we did it to make ourselves an example to you so that you would imitate us. In fact when we were with you, this is what we commanded you: "If anyone isn't willing to work, he should not eat." For we hear that there are some among you who walk irresponsibly, not working at all, but interfering with the work of [of others]. Now we command and exhort such people, by the LORD Jesus Christ, that quietly working, they may eat their own bread.* (HCSB) II Thessalonians 3:8-12

Another aspect of godly behavior concerns how we get along with others with whom we work. Are you the source of confusion, gossip, backbiting, envy, and strife in your work setting? If God were to review your social behavior in the workplace, would He find that you are a person whose conduct is righteousness or unrighteous?

- Our Covenant tells us we must have a wholesome Christian attitude toward work. What is a "wholesome" "Christian" attitude toward work?

Gratitude to God is the beginning of a "wholesome" attitude toward work. God is the one who affords us the opportunity to work; we must never take it for granted. There are many people who wished they had the privilege of going to work every day. When we understand that God has graciously provided work for us, we begin to understand that there is honor in all work.

Poor attitudes and poor work conduct can interfere with the productivity of others. *For you yourselves know how you must imitate us: we were not irresponsible among you.... For we hear that there are some among you who walk irresponsibly, not working at all, but interfering with the work of others.* (HCSB) II Thessalonians 3:7, 11

A common quote states: "An idle mind is the devil's workshop."

- As followers of Christ, we are to model kindness and fairness in every way since we are created in the image of God.

The Bible tells us that God is not the author of confusion, nor should a believer be the author of confusion in the workplace. What are your co-workers' expectations of you? Can they count on you to be an example of a person who is a diligent worker or a busybody who keeps confusion going? Contrary to the latter, we are to live out the fruit of the Spirit... *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.* Gal 5:22-23 (HCSB)

It pleases God when we bear fruit. Jesus said that we glorify God when we do. *My Father is glorified by this: that you produce much fruit and prove to be My disciples.* (HCSB) John 15:8

When we live and serve according to God's Word in the workplace and among the saints, not only is God magnified, but He takes note and remembers. *For God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you showed for His name when you served the saints - and you continue to serve them.* (HCSB) Hebrews 6:10

# Weekly Sunday School Lessons

## Fresh Opportunities continued from page 1

The verse goes on to say: *“especially the sin that so easily trips us up.”* It is believed by some that the author is referring to the sin of doubt. To doubt God is miss the mark of placing our trust in Him. This doubting of God drags the ground and encircles us. Doubt presents no problem for a person who plans to sit or stand still through life, never taking advantage of God given brand new opportunities. It is only when we start to move toward what God has set before us that we suffer from the entangling, besetting, tripping effect of doubt. In order to make the most of the New Year and not find ourselves falling on our face, we must free ourselves of any doubt we have in God. We must believe that God is who He says He is and He will do just what He says He will do.

We must run the race God has set before us. We must not make up the route or the rules as we go. There are people who spend their whole life creating their own route and rules, only to discover too late that they are disqualified where it really matters. You can avoid many frustrations by letting God choose the route and the rules of the race. It is interesting to note that the race that God has given us is before us, not behind us. Instead of living a life of fresh opportunities, many sadly choose to repeat what we done before. God is the God of new beginnings. He is always calling us to move forward. The route and rules of this race is found in the Word of God.

To make the most of this New Year we must have some determination, endurance, stick-to-it-iveness. We must be determined to keep going no matter how difficult the race becomes. The ability to endure is often inspired by focus. This focus is defined in verse 2 of chapter twelve. *“We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God’s throne.”* (Hebrews 12:2, NLT) You and I must not permit anything or anyone to draw our attention from Jesus. Jesus has got to be our focal point. It is in Jesus that find hope and encouragement to stay in the race and finish the race. Jesus shows us how to keep going regardless to the circumstance. In Jesus, we have the perfect paradigm that leads to the fulfillment of promise. If you want to make the most of 2017 and any other year the Lord gives, “keep your eyes on Jesus.”

It is my prayer that you would have a prosperous New Year and that you would make the most of the God given fresh opportunities given to you. Eugene Peterson paraphrases these verses in this manner: *“Do you see what this means—all these pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us on? It means we’d better get on with it. Strip down, start running—and never quit! No extra spiritual fat, no parasitic sins. Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we’re in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed—that exhilarating finish in and with God—he could put up with anything along the way: Cross, shame, whatever. And now he’s there, in the place of honor, right alongside God.”* (Hebrews 12:1–2, The Message)

Shalom!

Pastor Nathan Johnson

### All Creation Overflows with Praise

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| <b>Lesson #6</b>                  | <b>January 8, 2017</b> |
| Devotional Reading:               | 1 Chronicles 16:23-34  |
| Background Scripture:             | Psalm 96               |
| Print Passage:                    | Psalm 96:1-6, 10-13    |
| Key Verse:                        | Psalm 96:1             |
| 2 O Sing to the Lord              | 1 Chronicles 16:23-34  |
| 3 Ascribe to the Lord, O Families | Psalm 96:7-9           |
| 4 Justice Will Be Established     | Isaiah 42:1-4          |
| 5 Salvation Is For All Peoples    | Isaiah 49:1-7          |
| 6 Sing Praises, O Gentiles        | Romans 15:7-13         |
| 7 Singing around the Throne       | Revelation 5:11-14     |
| 8 The Lord Reigns Supreme         | Psalm 96:1-6, 10-13    |

### Praise God the Provider

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| <b>Lesson #7</b>                        | <b>January 15, 2017</b> |
| Devotional Reading:                     | Psalm 66:1-5            |
| Background Scripture:                   | Psalms 65:6-7           |
| Print Passage:                          | Psalm 65:1-2,9-13       |
| Key Verse:                              | Psalm 65:5              |
| 9 Rejoice during the Festival of Booths | Deuteronomy 16:13-15    |
| 10 God Forgives and Saves the People    | Psalm 65:3-4            |
| 11 God’s Awesome, Stabilizing Deeds     | Psalm 65:5-8            |
| 12 Let All the People Praise God        | Psalm 66:1-5            |
| 13 God’s Restoration of All Humanity    | Isaiah 66:1-5           |
| 14 Sharing in God’s New Community       | Acts 2:37-47            |
| 15 Thanks to God for Earth’s Bounty     | Psalm 65:1-2,9-13       |

### Praise God the Creator

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| <b>Lesson #8</b>                      | <b>January 22, 2017</b> |
| Devotional Reading:                   | Psalm 8                 |
| Background Scripture:                 | Psalm 104               |
| Print Passage:                        | Psalm 104:1-4, 24-30    |
| Key Verse:                            | Psalm 104:24            |
| 16 God Sets Boundaries on the Earth   | Psalm 104:5-9           |
| 17 God Quenches the Thirsty Earth     | Psalm 104:10-18         |
| 18 God Establishes Time and Seasons   | Psalm 104:19-23         |
| 19 Joy and Wish for Perfect Harmony   | Psalm 104:19-23         |
| 20 God Gives Humanity Its Dignity     | Psalm 8                 |
| 21 Do Not Worry, God Will Provide     | Matthew 6:25-34         |
| 22 The Lord, Our Creator and Provider | Psalm 104:1-4, 24-30    |

### All Creation Praises God

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| <b>Lesson #9</b>                     | <b>January 29, 2017</b> |
| Devotional Reading:                  | Psalm 150               |
| Background Scripture:                | Psalm 148               |
| Print Passage:                       | Psalm 148:1-14          |
| Key Verse:                           | Psalm 148:5             |
| 23 Praise the Lord!                  | Psalm 150               |
| 24 Heavenly Beings Shout for Joy     | Job 38:1-7              |
| 25 Wisdom Present at Creation        | Proverbs 8:22-31        |
| 26 Angels Praise God                 | Luke 2:8-14             |
| 27 Humans Continue God’s Caring Ways | Deuteronomy 24:17-22    |
| 28 God’s Gracious Ways               | Psalm 145:13b-21        |
| 29 Let All Creation Praise the Lord! | Psalm 148               |

### Re-Created to Live in Harmony

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| <b>Lesson #10</b>                                | <b>February 5, 2017</b> |
| Devotional Reading:                              | Colossians 3:12-17      |
| Background Scripture:                            | Galatians 3:26-4:7      |
| Print Passage:                                   | Galatians 3:26-29;4:1-7 |
| Key Verse:                                       | Galatians 3:28          |
| 30 The Spirit Made You a Believer                | Galatians 3:1-5         |
| 31 All People Are Blessed through Abraham        | Genesis 22:15-18        |
| 1 Jesus Fulfills the Promise to Abraham          | Galatians 3:15-18       |
| 2 Baptized into One Body                         | 1 Corinthians 12:12-18  |
| 3 Know that You Are Children of God              | 1 John 2:28-3:3         |
| 4 Serve in the Name of Christ to Live in Harmony | Galatians 3:26-4:7      |

## Reading Through the Bible in a Year

### January

|                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1 Genesis 1, 2        | Matthew 1        |
| 2 Genesis 3, 4, 5     | Matthew 2        |
| 3 Genesis 6, 7, 8     | Matthew 3        |
| 4 Genesis 9, 10, 11   | Matthew 4        |
| 5 Genesis 12, 13, 14  | Matthew 5:1-26   |
| 6 Genesis 15, 16, 17  | Matthew 5:27-48  |
| 7 Genesis 18, 19      | Matthew 6        |
| 8 Genesis 20, 21, 22  | Matthew 7        |
| 9 Genesis 23, 24      | Matthew 8        |
| 10 Genesis 25, 26     | Matthew 9:1-17   |
| 11 Genesis 27, 28     | Matthew 9:18-38  |
| 12 Genesis 29, 30     | Matthew 10:1-23  |
| 13 Genesis 31, 32     | Matthew 10:24-42 |
| 14 Genesis 33, 34, 35 | Matthew 11       |
| 15 Genesis 36, 37     | Matthew 12:1-21  |
| 16 Genesis 38, 39, 40 | Matthew 12:22-50 |
| 17 Genesis 41         | Matthew 13:1-32  |
| 18 Genesis 42, 43     | Matthew 13:33-58 |
| 19 Genesis 44, 45     | Matthew 14:1-21  |
| 20 Genesis 46, 47, 48 | Matthew 14:22-36 |
| 21 Genesis 49, 50     | Matthew 15:1-20  |
| 22 Exodus 1, 2, 3     | Matthew 15:21-39 |
| 23 Exodus 4, 5, 6     | Matthew 16       |
| 24 Exodus 7, 8        | Matthew 17       |
| 25 Exodus 9, 10       | Matthew 18:1-20  |
| 26 Exodus 11, 12      | Matthew 18:21-35 |
| 27 Exodus 13, 14, 15  | Matthew 19:1-15  |
| 28 Exodus 16, 17, 18  | Matthew 19:16-30 |
| 29 Exodus 19, 20, 21  | Matthew 20:1-16  |
| 30 Exodus 22, 23, 24  | Matthew 20:17-24 |
| 31 Exodus 25, 26      | Matthew 21:1-22  |

### February

|                     |                  |
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| 1 Exodus 27, 28     | Matthew 21:23-46 |
| 2 Exodus 29, 30     | Matthew 22:1-22  |
| 3 Exodus 31, 32, 33 | Matthew 22:23-46 |
| 4 Exodus 34, 35, 36 | Matthew 23:1-22  |

# TMBC Monthly Meetings (cont)

|                               |                                                                  |
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| <b>Sunday – January 29</b>    |                                                                  |
| 8:15                          | Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson)                                  |
| 9:30                          | Sunday Church School                                             |
| 11:00                         | Morning Worship                                                  |
| 6:00                          | Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)                      |
| <b>Monday – January 30</b>    |                                                                  |
| 4:30                          | Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room)                            |
| <b>Tuesday – January 31</b>   |                                                                  |
| 9:15                          | Staff Meeting                                                    |
| 6:00                          | Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)                      |
| <b>Wednesday – February 1</b> |                                                                  |
| 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 – February 2</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 – February 3</b>    |                                                                  |
| 6:00                          | Fellowship Friday (Youth Ministry)                               |
| <b>Saturday – February 4</b>  |                                                                  |
| 10:00                         | Leadership Council (Saturday before the first Sunday, Room 2156) |
| 12:00                         | Quilting, Crocheting, and Knitting Class (Saturdays, Room 2159)  |
| 12:00                         | Narcotics Anonymous (NA, Beechwood Campus)                       |
| 1:00                          | Contemporary Christian Chorale Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room) |
| 2:00                          | Blessed Hearts Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room)                 |
| 2:30                          | Women & Girls' Choir Rehearsal (Saturdays, Chapel)               |

# Flowers Enhancing the Beauty of the Sanctuary

are dedicated...

## January 1, 2017

Happy New Year! To place flowers in the Sanctuary to honor or memorialize loved ones, please call the Church Office.

## January 8, 2017

In loving memory of **Marvin W. Hayes** (January 10, 1961-August 21, 2013). Beloved Husband, Dad, Son, Brother.

## January 15, 2017

In Celebration of **Margaret Wells** (January 18th), **Tanya Pittman** (January 21st), and all January Birthdays.

## January 22, 2017

In loving memory of **Delcena Crawley**, Daughter/Sister. Placed there by Emile Crawley, Jr., Nicole Latrice & Emile Crawley, III.

## January 29, 2017

To place flowers in the Sanctuary to honor or memorialize loved ones, please call the Church Office.

# Fellowship Hour

**January 8**  
Group #7

**January 15**  
The Sorosis Guild

**January 22**  
Tabernacle Choir & Male Choir

**January 29**  
Bus Ministry

# Important Announcements

## Metropolitan Congress of Christian Education (MEDCCE)

January 14, 2017, 8:45 am

Held at Tabernacle MBC

Join with churches from our District as we study and grow together!

## Breakfast with Pastor Johnson (Super Saturday - Sponsored by the Women & Girls' Ministry)

January 21, 2017, 9:00 am

Register, January 8th or January 15th in the cloak room after worship celebration

## Love & Respect Married Couple's Fellowship

January 28, 2017, 10:30 am

Learn and fellowship with other married couples at Tabernacle.

## The Church in Fellowship, Study, and Prayer - Certified Leadership School

February 1, 2017 (Registration begins January 17, 2017)

The Church in Study is growing. We now offer two tracks for applied Bible Study. Beginning in February 2017 students may now earn certificate of progress credit from the Sunday School Publishing Board toward their Diploma of Christian Education. This session will offer 1072 - Survey of the New Testament, 6021 - Spiritual Formation, 7024 - Spiritual Gifts, 7005 - Christian Evangelism, 7010 - Introduction to Discipleship, and 4025 - Comparative Religions. See Sis. Irma Wise or Dr. Kimberly Elyse for more information on enrolling in this program.

Workshops applicable to the entire family are also offered in our Wednesday format. These include: Survey of the Old Testament, Faith Fundamentals, Disciple Maturing, Conversational Evangelism, Evangelism as a Lifestyle, True Fellowship, Your Life Belongs to God, Christian Parenting, Healing Damaged Emotions, Saved-Single-Serving God, Say Yes to No Debt, Search for Significance, and Children & Youth Studies. Bring the entire family for this transformative experience!

# He Is Truth!

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of Jesus' ministry grows, so must our obligation to be witnesses to the truth of His presence. Notwithstanding all the wrongs we are witnessing in the world today, Christ is still on the throne and at work in the world. Where sin abounds grace much more abounds. It abounds when we, empowered by the Holy Spirit, speak the words of truth to the saved and the unsaved.

We speak the truth when we testify to His death on the cross, His burial and His resurrection. We speak the truth when we testify that He died for the whole world, and that through His blood, we are washed and forgiven of all our sins. We speak the truth when we testify that if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Truth purifies, Truth cleanses.

The poet James Russell Lowell testified to the power and reign of truth when he wrote: "Truth on the scaffold, wrong forever on the throne, yet that scaffold sways the future and behind the dim unknown, standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above His own." Speak the words of life – speak the truth. In this New Year, DO IT EVERYDAY!

# TMBC Monthly Meetings

| <b>Sunday – January 1, 2017</b> |                                                                                             |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:15                            | Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson)                                                             |
| 9:30                            | Sunday Church School                                                                        |
| 11:00                           | Morning Worship (Lord's Supper, 1st Sundays)                                                |
| 1:30                            | Group #7 (1st Sundays, Wilcoxson)                                                           |
| 6:00                            | Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)                                                 |
| <b>Monday – January 2</b>       |                                                                                             |
| 12:00                           | AARP Board Meeting (Deaconess Room)                                                         |
| 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 – January 3</b>      |                                                                                             |
| 9:15                            | Staff Meeting                                                                               |
| 10:00                           | AARP Chapter 4803 (2nd Monday/1st Tuesday, Morris)                                          |
| 6:00                            | Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)                                                 |
| <b>Wednesday – January 4</b>    |                                                                                             |
| 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 – January 5</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 – January 6</b>       |                                                                                             |
| 6:00                            | Fellowship Friday (Youth Ministry)                                                          |
| <b>Saturday – January 7</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)                                          |

| <b>Sunday– January 8</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)                                 |
| <b>Monday – January 9</b>     |                                                                             |
| 10:00                         | AARP Chapter 4803 (Morris Room)                                             |
| 4:30                          | Prayer Partners (Quiet Room)                                                |
| <b>Tuesday – January 10</b>   |                                                                             |
| 9:15                          | Staff Meeting                                                               |
| 6:00                          | Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)                                 |
| <b>Wednesday – January 11</b> |                                                                             |
| 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 – January 12</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)                          |
| <b>Friday – January 13</b>    |                                                                             |
| 6:00                          | Fellowship Friday (Youth Ministry)                                          |
| <b>Saturday – January 14</b>  |                                                                             |
| 9:00                          | Optimist Club Meeting (Morris Room)                                         |
| 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)                          |

| <b>Sunday – January 15</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)                                              |
| 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 – January 16</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 – January 17</b>   |                                                                                             |
| 9:15                          | Staff Meeting                                                                               |
| 6:00                          | Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)                                                 |
| <b>Wednesday – January 18</b> |                                                                                             |
| 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 – January 19</b>  |                                                                                             |
| 2:00                          | Westsidiers (Morris Room)                                                                   |
| 5:00                          | Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)                                                |
| 6:00                          | Silent Ministry (Thursdays, Room 2164)                                                      |
| 6:00                          | Northwestern Alumni (Morris Room)                                                           |
| 6:30                          | Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)                                          |
| <b>Friday – January 20</b>    |                                                                                             |
| 6:00                          | Fellowship Friday (Youth Ministry)                                                          |
| <b>Saturday – January 21</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)                                          |

| <b>Sunday – January 22</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 – January 23</b>    |                                                                  |
| 4:30                          | Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room)                            |
| <b>Tuesday – January 24</b>   |                                                                  |
| 9:15                          | Staff Meeting                                                    |
| 6:00                          | Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)                      |
| <b>Wednesday – January 25</b> |                                                                  |
| 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 – January 26</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 – January 27</b>    |                                                                  |
| 6:00                          | Fellowship Friday (Youth Ministry)                               |
| <b>Saturday – January 28</b>  |                                                                  |
| 10:30                         | Love & Respect Married Couple's Fellowship (Morris)              |
| 12:00                         | Quilting, Crocheting, and Knitting Class (Saturdays, Room 2159)  |
| 12:00                         | Narcotics Anonymous (NA, Beechwood Campus)                       |
| 1:00                          | Contemporary Christian Chorale Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room) |
| 2:00                          | Blessed Hearts Rehearsal (Saturdays, Choir Room)                 |
| 2:30                          | Women & Girls' Choir Rehearsal (Saturdays, Chapel)               |