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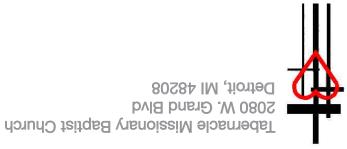
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#### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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Every Sunday		
Worship Service		
Sunday Church School		
New Member's Class		
Big Sisters - Children 2½-5 years - Child Development Center		
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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## Nothing But Grace!

Everything we have and benefit from in our lives is a consequence of God's Grace. This is especially true of our salvation. The testimony we all share when we examine our lives is: "Nothing But Grace." We often don't realize how blessed we are until the blessing is gone. What is grace? Grace is God extending His favor upon mankind. Have you ever thought about it? God favors us! Grace is real-time evidence of God's goodwill. Grace is God responding in kindness to a world that has offended Him. When I look around and consider what could have been God's response to wayward man, to people like you and I, I realize that I can only proclaim: "Nothing but grace."

The very stuff that life is made of is a matter of grace. This is what is known as "common grace." These are often things we take for granted. Consider the following. The grace of habitation: we could have been without shelter. The grace of constitution: we could have been without health

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REDISCOVERING THE POWER OF PRAYER
Philippians 4:6-7

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### Pastor's Schedule

June 2017

June 10, 2017, 5:30 pm Pastoral Anniversary \*\*Ticketed Event\*\* Greater Bible Way Pastor Patrick Lindsey

June 19-24, 2017 National Congress of Christian Education - Annual Session St. Louis, MO

June 26-28, 2017, 7:00pm Bethlehem Baptist Church 1188 West Broad St. Mansfield, TX 76063 Dr. Micheal A. Evans, Pastor **July 2017** 

July 23, 2017 Shiloh Baptist Church 1225 Church Street Jacksonville, FL 32204 Pastor H.B. Charles Jr.

## Sermon Topics

You Don't Have to Drown! Matthew 14:30-31 May 21
The Prayers of a
Righteous Man Availeth Much
James 5:16-18
Rev. Dr. Frank Thomas

May 14
Thank God for a Praying Mother!
Matthew 15:21-28

May 28 God's Memorial Day Message to Us

Ephesians 6:10-12 Rev. Terry Robinson

(all sermons by Pastor Johnson unless otherwise noted)

## Evangelism - The Bride

The flowers bloom, the trees bud, and the grass is green. It's Spring, a burst of new beginnings and the setting is perfect for the nuptials that are about to take place. It seems all of nature is poised and ready to salute the bride when she walks down the aisle to her elated groom. The wedding, the vows, the promise till death do we part are all on the mind of the bride as she prepares herself for the upcoming ceremony. No matter the size of a wedding the preparation of a bride should be a spiritual deep breath taken with continued prayer, supplication and Godly council. After all marriage was instituted by God (see Gen 2:20b-25, & Gen 3:20). Adam was the first man to have a wife. God gave Eve to Adam and when he saw her for the first time he said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called woman, for she was taken out of man" (Gen 2:23). Prov. 18:22 says, "He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the Lord."

Marriage is a challenging and rewarding relationship. Saying "I do" is only the beginning. God not only instituted marriage, He placed specific guidelines in the Bible for both the bride (wife) and the groom (husband). Those instructions can be found in Ephesians 5:22-31. These passages make a glowing comparison to marriage and Christ's love for the church and the church's love and obedience to Christ. "For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church. His

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### Sick and Shut-In

ARNOLD, Sis. Nancy MARTIN, Dea. James AYOLA, Sis. Patricia MARTIN, Disciple Joan BENTLEY, Sis. Elois MAYFIELD. Dr. Jean MEBANE, BENTLEY, Bro. Christopher Rev. Dr. William BERRY, Deaconess Rudelle MYLES, Sis. Leah BERYL-BANKS, Sis. Cynthía ROBERTS, Sis. Mildred BRADLEY, Bro. James SINGLETON, Sis. Martel BRUNSON, Bro. Todd SMITH, Sis. Alnieda BRYANT, Sis. Mattie SMITH, Sis. Chanel BUSCH, Bro. Leon SPENCER, Sis. Nicole BYAS, Sis. Flora STRAUSS, Sis. Barbara CAGE. Deaconess Juanita THOMAS, Sis. Margaret COLLINS, Sis. Ruth TYLER, Bro. Eddie FERGUSON, Sis. Mary WELCH, Sis. Nettie GALTNEY, Sis. Maxine WHITE, Sis. Thelma GEORGE, Deacon John WILLIAMS, Sis. Gola HAMLIN, Sis. Eugenia WILMORE, Bro. Louis WINDOM, Sis. Eddie June HAWKES, Bro. Earnest HICKS, Sis. Mary HINES, Sis. Bernadine HORTON, Sis. Carrie HUNTER. Deaconess Hassie

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JOHNSON, Sis. Lois

JOHNSON, Sis. Ruby

LOGAN, Sis. Norma

LYNCH, Sis. Willie B.

Deaconess Nazell

LINEBARGER.

Bro. Cecil Armstrong for the loss of his mother,
Sis. Evelyn Armstrong

r. Jean

Sis. Cora Glynn for the loss of her brother, Bro.
Arthur Watkins

William

Leah

Sis. Martha Love for the loss of her daughter,
Sis. Rochelle Powers

Sis. Samey Stuart Crowley for the loss of her mother, Sis. Sharon Stewart

Sis. Ijunanya Akua for the loss of her brother,

Bro. Rayfield Thomas

Sis. Cristy Kennedy for the loss of her mother Sis. Gene Kennedy

Trustee Roosevelt & Sis. Irma Wise for the loss of his sister, Sis. Mable Cozart

Bro. Ernest Mitchell for the loss of his cousin, Bro. Danny Darby

Bro. Albert Washington for the loss of his niece, Sis. Denae Pearson

Sis. Velma Rogers for the loss of her daughter,
Sis. Jeri Lynn Rogers

Sis. Irma Wise for the loss of her husband, Trustee Roosevelt Wise

## Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church

2080 W. Grand Blvd. - Detroit, Michigan 48208
Nathan Johnson, D.D. Senior Pastor
Presents

"Annual Women's Day Prayer Brunch"

Saturday - July 29, 2017

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Theme - "The Depth and Strength of Prayer"

Jeremiah 29:12-13



Guest Speaker - Sister Cynthia Perkins Smith,
President of Women's Auxiliary, National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.

Sister Meritha Johnson, Chairperson

Deaconess Mary J. Lester, Co-chairperson

## Writer's Ministry - Deacon's Lesson

Lesson 22: "Be Slow to Give or Take Offense"

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:12-21

Goal: To embrace and fulfill our covenant relationship with

God and one another.

Objective: To understand the importance of being slow to give or

take offense

#### **Covenant Segment:**

"We further engage...to be slow to give or take offense, but always ready for reconciliation."

And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; to wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:12-21 KJV).

#### Introduction of Lesson 22 and 23

Reconciliation is the doctrine of our faith whereby the estrangement between God and man is overcome through the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. Through the sacrificial death of Christ, unity between God and man has been restored. An extension of this doctrine of reconciliation is found in the unity of believers in the body of Christ—the church.

It is not a coincidence that the two phrases, "be slow to give or take offense" and "always ready for reconciliation" are joined together to form a conjunctive phrase. They become a correlative conjunctive in which two phrases occur as an equal pair. This suggests that there are two actions that would demonstrate the doctrine of reconciliation in the life of the church. We will examine the behaviors that bear witness that we have been reconciled to God through Christ and therefore reconciled to each other. The inward witness is our ability to "be slow to give or take offense". There is an active "outward" witness represented by our willingness to take the necessary steps to reconcile the breach caused by any offense. Both actions require a dependence on the Holy Spirit and demonstrate spiritual growth and maturity.

Our study for the next two months will involve the doctrine of reconciliation and its manifestation in our daily lives as a covenant community. This month, we will examine the inward discipline of "being slow to give or take offense" and next month we will examine the outer action of "always being ready for reconciliation."

#### Overview

Many of us have either experienced offense or have been offended by someone. A short temper, a quick tongue, and impulsive reactions can inflict hurt, vexation, discomfort, and displeasure into the lives of others. Whether the offense is a result of a deliberate wrong, petty disagreement, insensitivity, a 'bad day', or unintentional, intense relational difficulties can ensue within the body of Christ. For this cause, this segment of our church covenant admonishes us to be slow to give or take offense.

The word offense translated in the Greek is skandalizo, meaning generally to offend, vex, or scandalize. It is derived from the word skandalon meaning a trap, stumbling block, and to cause to stumble and fall. It always denotes an enticement to conduct, which could ruin the person in question.1 Christ said woe to the world because of offenses and woe to the man by whom the offense comes. [Matthew 18: 6-7]

#### Questions '

How does our relationship with Christ guide our thinking, attitudes and responses in offensive encounters?

 As Christians we should be ready to extend patience, love, and kindness toward those who offend us; thereby cultivating the virtues of the fruit of the Spirit.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation, old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." (Il Corinthians 5:17)

#### Summary

Whether we are the receiver or the initiator of offenses, we are to always be ready for reconciliation. The presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives empowers us to live a godly life and to live victoriously in unity and fellowship with one another. God has given us His Word, which teaches us to be peacemakers, pray for the offender and seek forgiveness if we are the offender. The love of God ought to shape our treatment of each other when we consider what Christ has done for us.

#### Question

How does holding an offense cause us to stumble in our faith?

• When we allow animosity and anger to disrupt our fellowship and unity with one another we quench the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit does not move freely among hearts that are not turned toward one another in love and reconciliation.2

"So then, my beloved brethren let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God." (James 1:19-20)

#### Summar

To be slow to give or take offense requires self-control. Not only are we to be sensitive to the feelings of others, but we need to know our own strengths and weaknesses. We must be aware of and consciously work on our own short comings. If we weigh our responses against the Word of God, increase our reaction time, avoid responding in anger or with evil intent or vengeance, we can fulfill this part of the covenant and bring glory to God. Since God has given us the grace to live as reconciled people, let us go forth as ambassadors of reconciliation.

#### Question 3

How do trivial disputes among the church family affect the unity and larger work of the church? 3

• As Christians, we are sometimes easily offended or easily offend others, including those close to us, based on such seemingly trivial matters as a tone of voice, nonverbal communication, not being recognized for something we have done, or feel taken for granted and unappreciated.

"For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, whom we have now received the reconciliation." (Romans 5: 10-11)

#### Summary

God has provided all that we need to be victorious. God has reconciled us by Christ Jesus and given us the ministry of reconciliation. [II Cor. 5: 18] He made Christ, who knew no sin, to be sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God.' [II Cor. 5: 21]. As Christians we are expected to strengthen our relationship through fellowship with each other because of the loving relationship we have with God.

#### **Reflections:**

What principles can we apply to our lives to increase the capacity to be slow in taking offense? 4 [For example, refer to Ephesians 4: 26; Ephesians 4: 29].

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

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and strength. The grace of occupation: we could have been without any skills or abilities. The grace of cognition: we could be void of any learning and reasoning ability. The grace of provision: we could have been without any of needs being met. The grace of associations: we could be in this world all alone without family or friends. All of these things are about the grace of temporal things. None of these things last forever. However there is another Grace!

The Grace that I speak of is the grace of our salvation. This grace Redeems us. It has paid in full the price for the penalty of our sin. This grace Rescues us. It snatches and delivers us from eternal damnation. You and I were doomed to die without God and suffer eternally, but God's grace rescued us. This grace Revitalizes us. It is grace that gives us life in exchange for the deadness of our previous existence. This deadness made us insensitive to the things of God, but grace brings back our sensitivity, our responsiveness to God. This grace Restores us. It fixes the most important relationship that any man, woman or child can have, that is our relationship with God. This grace Redirects us. Because of God's grace you and I now have a new purpose in life. We have been created in Christ for good works. This grace Refocuses us. We now have something to look forward to, because of grace we now have hope.

The amazing paradox of grace is that it is free but costly. A great price had to be paid because a debt was made. Our sin, our rebellion toward God made us debtors and we had nothing in our possession to clear the debt. Our works, though many, are inadequate. Our wealth, though much, is insufficient. It took something that was beyond the vast holdings of this earth, it took the sacrifice of the Only Begotten Son of God. He gave His life to pay our debt and grant us what we don't deserve and that is God's Grace! Truly the hymn writer is right: Jesus Paid it All! Yes, I am blown away by God's Grace. I join with John Newton and declare:

> Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed! Thru many dangers, toils and snares I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. The Lord has promised good to me; His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Nothing But Grace!

Soli Gratia! Pastor Nathan Johnson, D.D., Senior Pastor

## Weekly Sunday School Lessons

Deborah and Barak		Moses and the Burning Bush			
Lesson #1	June 4, 2017	Lesson #5	July 2, 2017		
Devotional Reading: Hebrews 11:29-40		Devotional Reading:	2 Chronicles 19:4-7		
Background Scripture:	Judges 4-5	Background Scripture:	Exodus 3		
Print Passage:	Judges 4:1-10	Print Passage:	Exodus 3:1-12		
Key Verse:	Judges 4:9a	Key Verse:	Exodus 3:9-10		
29 An Angel Rebukes Israel's Faithlessness	Judges 2:1-5	26 Insist on Justice for All	Exodus 23:1-9		
30 Joshua's Death Ends an Era	Judges 2:6-10	27 The Eternal Cost of Not Offering Justice	Matthew 25:41-46		
31 The People Lose God's Protection	Judges 2:16-23	28 No Perversion of Justice Allowed	2 Chronicles 19:4-7		
1 Ode to Israel's Faithful Judges	Hebrews 11:29-40	29 Persist until Justice is Done	Luke 18:1-8		
2 Victory Song of the Divine Warrior	Judges 5:1-5	30 Deacons Called to Ministry of Justice	Acts 6:1-7		
3 Jael Defeats the Enemy Leader, Sisera	Judges 5:24-27	1 Israelites Meet God at Mount Sinai	Exodus 19:1-9		
4 Deborah: Prophetess, Judge, and Commar	nder Judges 4:1-10	2 Moses Called to Free Enslaved Israelites	Exodus 3:1-12		
Gideon's Call Lesson #2  June 11, 2017		Reading Through the B	ible in a Year		
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Les	sson #2	June 11, 2017
Dev	otional Reading:	Psalm 83:1-12, 18
Bac	kground Scripture:	Judges 6-8
Prin	t Passage:	Judges 6:11-18
Key	Verse:	Judges 6:12
5	Oppression Results from Disobedience	Judges 6:1-10
6	May God Judge Enemies Harshly	Psalm 83:1-12,18
7	Gideon Sees and Angel of the Lord	Judges 6:19-24
8	Fleece Confirms Victory over Midianites	Judges 6:36-40
9	Midianites Defeated without Weapons	Judges 7:19-23
10	Gideon Dies, Israel Forgets God's Ways	Judges 8:29-35
11	Gideon Answers the Call to Deliver Israel	Judges 6:11-18

#### Jephthah Answers the Call

Les	son #3	June 18, 201
Dev	otional Reading:	Acts 15:6-2
Bac	kground Scripture:	Judges 1
Prin	t Passage:	Judges 11:4-11,29-3
Key	Verse:	Judges 11:
12	Jephthah, Rejected by His Family, Flees	Judges 11:1-
13	Jephthah Resolves Dispute with Edom	Judges 11:12-1
14	Jephthah Reveals God's Aid of Israel	Judges 11:19-2
15	Ammonite King Rejects Jephthah's Claims	Judges 11:23-2
16	Jephthah Sacrifices Daughter to Fulfill Vov	v Judges 11:34:4
17	Leaders Discern the Way Forward	Acts 15:6-2
18	Jephthah Called to Lead Israel	Judges 11:4-11,29-3

Sar	nson's Call	
Les	sson #4	June 25, 201
Dev	otional Reading:	Judges 13:19-2
Bac	kground Scripture:	Judges 13-1
Prin	t Passage:	Judges 13:1-7,24-2
Key	Verse:	Judges 13:
19	Announcement of Samson's Birth to Mano	oah Judges 13:8-1
20	The Angel Accepts Manoah's Sacrifice	Judges 13:19-2
21	Vow of Separation to the Lord	Numbers 6:1-8,13-1
22	Samson Marries a Woman of Timnah	Judges 14:1-
23	Samson Conquers the Philistines	Judges 15:1-
24	In Death, Samson Defeats the Philistines	Judges 16:23-3
25	God Blesses a Nazirite Judge	Judges 13:1-7,24-2

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

1 Job 21.22

Acts 10:1-23

## Evangelism

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body, of which He is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word" (vs 23-26).

The church is the bride of Christ. He desires our faith, total trust, and commands that we love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. How can you love someone and not want them to have eternal life? God wants us to put our love into action and share the Gospel and if that makes you feel uncomfortable at first, pray and ask the Lord to give you wisdom and confidence to do His will. Just think how wonderful it will be to see someone you've witnessed to at the great wedding supper of the Lamb!

"The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; She is His new creation by water and the Word; From heaven, He came and sought her to be His holy bride; With His own blood, He bought her and for her life He died" Samuel J. Stone.

# Flowers Enhancing the Beauty of the Sanctuary

June 4, 2017

**Tabernacle Church Family** 

#### June 11, 2017

In precious memory of our beloved Son, Brother, Father, Uncle, Grandson, Nephew, and Cousin, William Robert Riggins, II ~ "Bobby." Placed there by the Riggins Family.

#### June 18, 2017

In loving memory of Eddie Lee Johnson. Forever in our hearts. Placed there by wife, Georgia, children, and granddaughters.

#### June 25, 2017

Happy birthday to our mothers, Deaconess Yvonne Gillespie (June 26), Mrs. Nellie Thompson (June 28). May God continue to bless and keep you. Placed there by Trustee Hervey & Deaconess Veronica Jenkins.

## Fellowship Hour

No Fellowship Hour

June 11 **Graduation Sunday** Group #12

June 18 Group #18

June 25 Group #2/16



#### **EXERCISE DANCE CLASSES CONTNIUE WEEKLY**

MONDAYS AT 6:00 PM in the Morris Room

Sponsored by the Health Ministry, you'll enjoy this exercise and fellowship class. Drop in available. Beginners welcome. A \$10 donation is requested to defray the cost of the class.

## Important Announcements

**Exercise/Dance Class (Sponsored by the Health Ministry)** 

Mondays, June 2017, 6:00 pm (Morris Room)

It is the mission of the Exercise Dance, under the leadership of Sis. Kay Lanier Jones, to reach out to members and the community and teach them good health and fellowship in the form of dance. The classes are drop in for a \$10 per person, per class fee to defray the cost of hosting the class. Scripture: Jer 31:13

#### **Usher Ministry Prayer Breakfast**

June 10, 2017, 9am

See anyone from the Usher's Ministry for more information on this annual prayer breakfast.

#### Theodrama Auditions (Sponsored by Group 10/21)

June 9-10, 2017 (Friday, 6:00pm-8:00 pm; Saturday, 12:2:30 pm)

Group 10/21 will be holding auditions for our upcoming Sing-A Rama Theodrama. The title of the production is "The Line" the story of Solomon's ascension to the throne in a modern day telling. All are welcome.

#### The Church in Fellowship, Study, and Prayer

**Summer Schedule Begins Wednesday** 

June 14, 2017

The Church in Fellowship (5:30 pm); Church in Prayer (6:30 pm)

Sunday School Teacher's meeting begins at 6:00 pm in the Chapel

#### **Tab Tymers**

June 15, 2017, 12:00 pm

Seasoned, senior members are encouraged to participate in this meeting of fellowship and fun.

#### Relay for Life (Sponsored by the Sorosis Guild)

June 17, 2017, 9 am-10:00 pm

The Sorosis Guild Sisters will be in the Cloak Room to accept donations after Sunday service beginning Sunday, May 7, 2017 through Sunday June 10, 2017. Supporters may also make a donation with any Sorosis Guild Member at any time. The actual event will be held at Marygrove College, 8425 W. McNichols Rd., Detroit, MI 48221 on June 17th.

#### Salad Extravaganza (Sponsored by Group #7)

June 17, 2017, 12-3:00 pm

Join Group #7 as they celebrate the return of the Salad Extravaganza fellowship. Theme: "Delighting in the Goodness of the Lord" based on Isaiah 55:2. Reserve your space by seeing any Group #7 member.

#### Birch Run and Frankenmuth Trip (Group 2/16)

June 22, 2017, 8:30 am

Group 2 & 16 invites you to a shopping & fellowship trip to Burch Run & Frankenmuth. The bus will depart at 8;30 am. For further information see President Flora Clay or Sis. Mary Lester if you'd like to join.

#### Fireworks Fellowship & Bicycle Safety pre Fireworks View Event (Men & Boys Ministry and Faith, Hope, & Love Optimist Club)

June 26, 2017, 6:00 pm

Calling all children ages 6 - 15! You can bring bicycles to the Fireworks viewing from 6-8 pm to participate in Bicycle Safety skills events: maneuvering, braking, turns and signals. Children have a chance to win bicycles, helmets, locks, etc. Parental permission required to participate. Fireworks Fellowship is open to people of all ages. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs.

## TMBC Monthly Meetings

Sunda	ay – June 4, 2017	Sunda	ay- June 11
8:15 9:30 11:00 1:30 6:00	Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson) Sunday Church School Morning Worship (Lord's Supper, 1st Sundays) Group #7 (1st Sundays, Wilcoxson) Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)	8:15 9:30 11:00 1:30 1:30 6:00	Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson) Sunday Church School Morning Worship (Baptism, 2nd Sundays) Group #15 (2nd Sundays, Story Room) Group #2/16 (2nd Sundays, Morris Room) Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)
Mond	ay – June 5	Mond	ay – June 12
12:00 4:30 6:00 6:00	AARP Board Meeting (Deaconess Room) Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room) Hospitality (Monday after first Sunday, Wilcoxson Room) Super Saturday Women & Girls' Committee Meeting (Monday after 1st & 3rd Sundays, Room 2157)	10:00 4:30 6:00	AARP Chapter 4803 (Morris Room) Prayer Partners (Quiet Room) Exercise Dance Ministry (Morris)
6:00	Women's Retreat Meeting (Room 2156)	Tuesd	ay – June 13
6:00	Exercise Dance Ministry (Morris)	9:15 6:00	Staff Meeting Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)
9:15	Staff Meeting	L	
10:00	AARP Chapter 4803 (2nd Monday/1st Tuesday, Morris)	Wedne	esday – June 14
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8:15 9:30 11:00 1:30 1:30 1:30 1:30 1:30 1:30	Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson) Sunday Church School Morning Worship (Baby Dedication, 3rd Sundays) Group #1 (3rd Sundays, Chapel) Group #10/21 (3rd Sundays, Room 2173) Group #12 (3rd Sundays, Wilcoxson) Group #18 (3rd Sundays, Story) Group #25 (3rd Sundays, Room 2176/2179) Group #29 (3rd Sundays, Room 2161) Group #4 (3rd Sundays, Room 2165)	8:15 9:30 11:00 1:30 1:30 1:30 1:30 6:00	Dawn Seeker's Class (Wilcoxson) Sunday Church School Morning Worship Group #19/26/28 (4th Sundays, Wilcoxson) Group #24 (4th Sundays, Morris) Group #6/23 (4th Sundays, Room 2151) Health Ministry (4th Sunday, Usher Board Room) Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)		
1:30 1:30	Teen Council Meeting (3rd Sunday, Room 2159) Marr-O-Nots Fellowship (3rd Sunday, Room 2156)	Monda	ay – June 26		
6:00	Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)	4:30	Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room)		
Monda	y – June 19	6:00	Exercise Dance Ministry (Morris)		
4:30	Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room)	Tuesd	ay – June 27		
6:00 6:00 6:30	Super Saturday Women & Girls' Committee Meeting (Monday after 1st & 3rd Sundays, Room 2157) Deacon's Ministry (Monday after 3rd Sunday, Board Room) Sunday School Worker's Conference (Monday after 3rd	9:15 6:00	Staff Meeting Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)		
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Saturda	ay – June 24		1st & 3rd Sundays, Chapel)		
9:00 12:00 12:00 1:00	Super Saturday (Fellowship Hall) Quilting, Crocheting, and Knitting Class (Saturdays, Room 2159) Narcotics Anonymous (NA, Beechwood Campus) Women & Girls' Choir (Saturday before 2nd & 4th Sunday, Sanctuary)				





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## June is Scholarship Month at Tabernacle

Scholarship Ministry, led by Chairman Ronnie Phillips, urges members to continue Tab's rich history of supporting college-bound students

t's Scholarship Month at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, the time set aside to encourage Tab members to do what they faithfully have done for almost 50 years running — that is, support up-and-coming students by contributing to the Tabernacle Scholarship Fund.

Since 1969, Tabernacle's Scholarship Ministry has helped thousands of young people go to college. The fund primarily helps Tab members, but it also has assisted hundreds of students from the wider community get an education. The total amount donated to the ministry since its inception exceeds \$1 million. And just about every cent of that money has come from the dedicated pocketbooks, wallets, and checkbooks of Tab members.

The historical record is indisputable: Tabernacle flat-out has not flinched when it comes to digging deep to help students trying to get into college or vocational training programs. And given today's political and economic climate, now is not the time to ratchet down support for those sometimes struggling to get a college education.

"The necessity of supporting the Scholarship Ministry has increased due to the current political environment we find ourselves in, where it seems the attempt of those in the upper administration is to pursue an approach of each man for himself," noted Tabernacle Pastor Nathan Johnson. "But, as Christians, we know we are here to be our brother's keeper...and especially the keeper of our brother's children."

The non-stop procession of Tab's children sprouting up and moving on right before the church's collective eyes is a familiar sight. But observers say it never fails to inspire awe and thanksgiving. Even as Tab members thank God and pray for students, they often can be heard gasping, "How did that happen so fast? Weren't they just in the primary division of church school? Where did the time go?"

Perhaps nowhere is that sentiment so pronounced as it is among those involved in Tabernacle's Scholarship Ministry.

"I just enjoy seeing students who were in my seventh grade class and who are seniors now and planning to go to college," said Andrea Hughes, who is both superintendent of the Secondary Division of Tabernacle's Church School and treasurer of the Scholarship Committee. It is such a pleasure to help them as they try to reach their educational goals. We see them and work with them when they are young, and then we get a chance to play a role in the next phase."

Past recipients of Tabernacle scholarships have gone on to become engineers, business managers, educators, entrepreneurs, journalists, doctors, lawyers, nurses, ministers, and more. Dr. Byron Douglas, past

chairman of the Scholarship Committee, current member of the committee, and a 1976 recipient of a Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church Scholarship, graduated with a bachelor's degree from Howard University in 1980 and went on to receive a doctorate from St. Louis University. He is now a clinical psychologist working in Ann Arbor schools.

Dr. Douglas said some past scholarship recipients are steady in their support of the scholarship fund which once helped them; others have not contributed.

"Some do, and some don't," said Dr. Douglas. "We strongly encourage all recipients to make a contribution as a way of giving thanks and passing on the blessing to someone else."

Like Dr. Douglas, Matthew Mebane grew up in Tabernacle, received a Tabernacle scholarship and gave back to the ministry – with his time, skill, and sweat as well as finances. Several years ago, Mebane became the youngest-ever chairman of the Scholarship Committee. He had used a Tabernacle scholarship to attend North Carolina A&T University, graduating in 2004 with a degree in chemical engineering. He worked as a manager for the Accenture Corporation for 11 years and now is a director at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

Under Mebane's leadership, the Scholarship Ministry instituted changes consistent with advances in technology such as using online services including email.

"I was in my late 20s, and my decision to become chairperson really goes to what God says when He says you've got to study to show thyself approved. The ministry helped me to study so I could get a chemical engineering degree. For me to come back and be involved like that, I felt like I had a charge to do it. I wanted to move the ministry in a new direction and also help stabilize it. I want this ministry to be around for my kids."

Michelle Coles, a 2013 graduate of Andover High School and Tabernacle member, said the Tabernacle scholarship was indispensable to helping her achieve educational milestones.

"(The scholarship) helped a lot in terms of me being able to achieve my dream of becoming an interpreter," said Coles, who will graduate soon with a Deaf Studies degree from Columbia College in Chicago and plans to use her skills in the area of social work. "It was also significant because it helped me go to school in Chicago, which helped me begin to see a world beyond Detroit.

"I believe it is very important that Tabernacle members give especially to the children who grow up in our church and help them go to college. It's always nice to know your family is supporting you."

In addition to the larger scholarships, Supt. Hughes has been innovative in developing smaller scholarships that are a tie-in between Tabernacle's Scholarship Ministry and the Church School.

"Students in the Secondary Sunday School Division (grades 7-12) are eligible to receive \$100 scholarships awarded each year," said Supt. Hughes. "The awards are dependent upon their attendance and participation in Sunday School and church. There were eight students who received the award during the 2015-16 school year."

Scholarship Committee Chairman Ronnie Phillips said that although the ministry receives contributions year-round, the Scholarship campaign period of June and the following month of July typically garner the most donations. Contributions are tax-deductible and can be placed in the special Scholarship Ministry envelopes in the pews. Many Tab members who have lost family members have contributed money for the Scholarship Fund on behalf of their loved ones.

"We support the Scholarship Fund to help our young people achieve their educational goals," said Pastor Johnson. "Our contributions can therefore make the difference between some young people going to college or not going to college. Every contribution matters because every child that we can help matters."

For more information on the Tabernacle Scholarship Ministry, to contribute, or to apply for a scholarship, please call the church office at (313) 898-3325.