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

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

COME HOME TO FAMILY

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Joy to the World

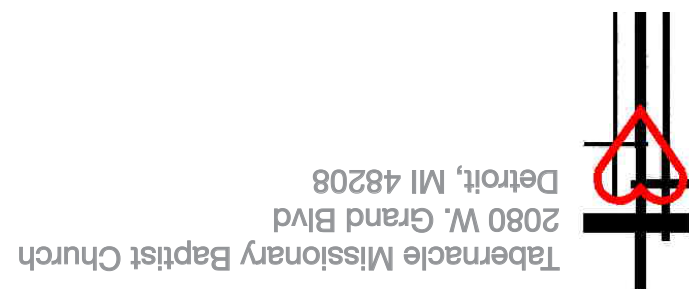
This is the time of year when many people are moved by a kind of seasonal sentimentality. This sentimentality is often centered on the image of a little baby lying in a manger. But the reason for the season should produce more than sentimentality. When we consider why that baby was born, we are moved to a purer, more passionate emotion than sentimentality. This baby boy was brought into this world because of God's love. It was the love of God that caused Him to come among us in human flesh and His name is Jesus.

Jesus did not come merely for a visit; He came to intervene in our circumstance. Our circumstance was a ruptured relationship with God. The relationship that we had with God was ripped apart by our nefarious behavior. This nefarious behavior is nothing less than sin. This ruptured relationship has negative eternal consequences. The presence of this baby in a manger expresses the beginning of the fulfillment of God's intervention. God could have ignored our plight, but He chose to be motivated by His love for us. He knew that we

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Pastor's Schedule

MLK Celebration
January 15, 2018, 12:00 noon
Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle
930 E. Myrtle Ave.
Flint, Michigan 48505

Sermon Topics

November 5
A Call to Remember
Deuteronomy 8:2-3

November 12
Church Anniversary
Psalm 46
Rev. William J. Wyne

November 19
Keep Your Eyes On Jesus and Stay in the Race
Hebrews 12:1-2
Rev. Arthur Rushing Jr

November 26
Did You Say Thank You?
Luke 17:11-18

(all sermons by Pastor Johnson unless otherwise noted)

Jesus is the Reason for the Season

Luke 2: 9-10 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you: He is Christ the Lord.

It was a supernatural beginning, it was a miraculous birth, and it was a sign of divinity. The Holy Spirit spoke to Mary in Luke 1:31 "You will be with child and give birth to a son and you are to give Him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; vs33 ...His Kingdom will never end. The Holy Spirit also spoke to Joseph and told him in Matthew 1:21 "She shall bring forth a son, and thou shall call His name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins. vs23 ... and they will call Him Immanuel which means "God with us". Christmas is a Holy Day, a day for the Church (body of Christ) to commemorate the Birth of Jesus - The Messiah - The Anointed One.

To those who believe in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Christmas is a sacred day; not a secular holiday to be commercialized. Why is it that most kids know more about Santa Claus as it relates to Christmas, than Jesus Christ? Christians have allowed the secular world celebration of Christmas to influence their hearts and minds of this sacred day. The world is trying to take 'Christ' out of Christmas; by using XMAS. Beware of the subtle attacks of Satan on this precious day.

Let's return to the true meaning of Christmas. The birth of Jesus brings great joy because it brings salvation from sin and reconciliation with God. (2 Cor. 5:21) God so loved the world that He sent His one and only son, born of the Virgin Mary to die on a cross for our sins. God made Jesus who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be declared righteous through Him. Jesus was obedient from birth to death. Let Jesus be your reason for celebrating this Christmas season.

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Sick and Shut-In

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WHITE, Sis. Thelma

WILMORE, Bro. Louis

WINDOM,
Sis. Eddie June

Condolences

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Dea. Stephen & Deaconess Adrianna Iposu for the loss of her sister, Sis. Cynthia Bernard

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Trustee Hervey & Deaconess Veronica Jenkins for the loss of his mother, Sis. Nellie Thompson

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Trustee Clifton & Sis Bernice Bonds for the loss of his brother-in-law, Bro Jerry Ingram Sr.

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Dea. Walter & Sis. Connie Presley for the loss of their cousin, Sis. Anna Mae Ganaway

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Deacness Kimberly Taylor and Sis. Crystal Garrett for the loss of their cousin, Bro Patrick Stitts

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Sis. Barbara Amos for the loss of her cousin, Bro. Jimmy Kelly

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Bro. Eugene & Sis. Crystal Gillespie for the loss of her brother, Bro. Andre Davis

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Dea. Emmanuel & Deaconess Barbara Haley for the loss of their nephew, Bro. Burton Smith

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Dea. Delbert & Sis. Edith Fails for the loss of her brother, Mr. Horace Phillips

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Deaconess Jacqueline Birotte for the loss of her cousin, Bro. Winston Glover

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Sis. Elizabeth Morris for the loss of her brother, Bro. Adam Murrell

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Rev. Dr. Leah Walker for the loss of her brother, Bro. Willie Fred White



# TABERNACLE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

PRESENTS THE

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS

# POINSETTIA Project

A THREE-FOLD PROJECT

1

To honor and memorialize our loved ones

2

To add beauty to the lives of our sick and shut in

3

To beautify our sanctuary (to reflect this season)

Submit donations in the fellowship hall area on  
November 5, 12, 19, 26 & December 3, 2017.

See Sis. Dorothy Smith for more information.



Nathan Johnson, D.D., Senior Pastor

## Forgiving One Another

**LESSON SCRIPTURE:** "Be ye kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you". [Ephesians 4:32, King James Version]

"And become useful, helpful, and kind to one another, tenderhearted (compassionate, understanding, loving hearted), forgiving one another (readily and freely), as God in Christ forgave you." [Ephesians 4:32, Amplified Bible]

**GOAL:** To grasp an understanding of true forgiveness and to practice it in our lives.

**OBJECTIVE:** Demonstrate and apply true forgiveness in daily Christian relationships.

This lesson on forgiving one another will be presented in two parts. Today's lesson will focus on the Christian necessity of forgiveness and what it is. Next month's lesson will highlight our volitional responsibility: choose to forgive and how to forgive.

### ESSENTIAL INSIGHT/ QUESTION:

Human nature often compels and drives us to "teach people a lesson" or seek revenge as a way of getting back for a "wrong" or hurt we have experienced, but it never works. Jesus offers a better solution. There should be no revenge or getting back at another. He suggests simply that we become the "shock absorbers" of this world in that we exhibit humility, patience, and kindness towards others who wrong us. What practical steps of faith should Christians take to become "shock absorbers" for true forgiveness?

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Time: About 60 – 64 A.D. Place: Rome

Our Scripture passage of study is from Ephesians. Ephesians is one of the seven prison epistles written by Paul who was incarcerated in Rome. Tychicus delivered this epistle along with other letters to Philemon and the churches of Collosia and Philippi.

Paul founded the church in Ephesus during his second missionary journey. He assigned Priscilla and Aquila whom he had met in Corinth to teach the Gospel. Later the Church was strengthened and firmly established by Paul during his third missionary journey where he pastored three years. Upon Paul's departure, Timothy headed the Church for about eighteen months. Timothy was constantly in conflict with the false teachers that erupted in the Church. Their ungodly teachings resulted in harmful disputes rather than faith building interpretations.

In chapter four of Ephesians, Paul tells of God's plan for faithful living. Christ endows and builds the Church and gives God's pattern and principles for Church members. Ephesians 4:32 deals specifically with forgiveness.

### LESSON INTRODUCTION:

The church may not be benefiting from the full potential of its members because of tense relationships. The word of God is replete with exhortations to forgive. It is taught in the Gospels (Matthew 6:14-15, 18:35; Mark 11:25. Jesus referenced it in the Model Prayer; "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." Subsequently, He became the supreme example of forgiveness. God Himself, in the person of Jesus Christ, hung on a cross, bled, suffered, and died in our place to forgive us of our sins. Though He had never sinned, He took on Himself the penalty for our sins. He forgave us and He asked His Father to forgive those who crucified Him. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace (Ephesians 1:7). Since Christ has done this, as believers who have received God's forgiveness, we are compelled to forgive one another.

The scriptural passage in Ephesians 4:32 is the first mention of "forgive one another" relative to Christians in the church. The law of first mention in

a passage indicates that we will find out what God originally intended and communicated concerning that idea. The lesson to follow is to shed light on what Paul meant.

Forgiveness is a key biblical concept. Exactly what is forgiveness and how does it play out in Ephesians 4:32? Listed below are several definitions of key words found in Ephesians 4:32.

### DEFINITIONS:

Forgiveness Defined: Forgiveness is choosing to pardon, remit, or overlook the mistake, fault, offense, hurt or injury of the offender without demanding a penalty, punishment or retribution.3

A definition for forgiveness could be -- giving up my right to hurt you, for hurting me.

Forgive, charizomai,, (khar-id'-zom-ahee), 5483, "to show a favor unconditionally", is used of the act of "forgiveness," whether divine, Ephesians 4:32; Col. 2:13, 3:13; or human, Luke 7:42, 43 (debt) 2 Corinthians 2:7, 10; 12:13; Eph. 4:32 (1st mention).

Kind, chrestos, (khrase-tos ) (5543) serviceable, good, pleasant" (of things), "good, gracious, kind" (of persons), is translated "kind" in Luke 6:35, of God: in Eph. 4:32, enjoined upon believers.

Tenderhearted, eusplanchnos (yoo'-splanekh-nos) (2155), "compassionate, tenderhearted," lit, "of good heartedness" (eu, "well," and splanchnon), is translated "tenderhearted" in Ephesians 4:32.

### God's Standard for Forgiveness

**Scriptures: Luke 23:34, Matthew 6:12, 14-15 and Roman 5:8**

It is God who initiated His relationship with us as believers. In the beginning, in the Garden of Eden when Adam sinned, God had already made a provision through His Son Jesus Christ to reconcile us back to Him. Jesus sacrificial death on the cross was sufficient for God to forgive us of all of our sins. Romans 5:8 states "But God commended His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us".

God forgives us in Christ and mandates us to forgive others. When we forgive one another, God grants us a renewed strength and inner peace that passes all understanding. Christ sets the standard and we must strive to be like Him. He is our perfect example.

Even while Christ was being crucified on the cross, He cried out "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). The Lord's Prayer states, "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors (Matthew 6: 12). When we forgive others of their sins or trespasses, God also forgives us; but when we do not forgive others of their sins and trespasses, God will not forgive us of our sins and trespasses (Matthew 6:14-15). This does not indicate that God withholds the justification from believers that are in Christ. We are still pardoned from the penalty and guilt of sin. God does admonish and chasten us to encourage us to forgive. As Lewis B. Smedes argues in Forgive and Forget, "When you release the wrongdoer from the wrong, you cut a malignant tumor out of your inner life. You set a prisoner free, but you discover that the real prisoner was yourself." Research has shown that high levels of forgiveness correlate with better health habits, lower anxiety, lower anger, lower depression, and more task coping behavior.

As believers who experience love, kindness, tenderheartedness, compassion and forgiveness from God through His Son Jesus Christ, we should reciprocate and live out these virtues as we receive new freedom through the act of forgiveness. Then and only then, can we be one with Christ as He is one with the Father. Forgiveness paves the way for treating others with kindness, love, and compassion out of a tender heart. We become serviceable for the Lord. What spiritual growth the church could experience if she were a unified body forgiving and loving one another!

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would have no option of eternal life with Him, if He had not intervened. Without God’s intervention, you and I would still be traveling at a deadly speed down a one-way street to eternal damnation.

Even the name Jesus has interventional meaning and purpose. Joseph was told to “call His name Jesus for He shall save His people from their sins.” The name Jesus is the Greek version of the Hebrew name Joshua which means Jehovah is salvation. Jesus has come to save, to deliver, and to rescue us from the awful deserved penalty of our sins. Only God could do this. We had not the power, nor did we know of anyone who could free us from this life-taking, death-producing entanglement called sin. Guilt-ridden pride kept us from reaching out to God, but God’s love caused Him to reach out to us. Jesus expressed this when He said to Nicodemus: “For God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent His Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through Him.” (John 3:16–17, NLT)

The sobering thought of this verse is that this giving of Jesus includes His dying for us on Calvary. The baby in the manger was born to die as a propitiation for our sins. Jesus came to clear the debt we owed to God due to our sins. He did this by laying down his life on the cross that you and I might have life. Jesus did die on the cross, but God raised Him on that Sunday for our justification. This means that the work of Jesus completely remedies our corrupt situation. Jesus is our salvation!

To appropriate the benefits of this divine intervention requires more than an affected emotional response at the site of a nativity scene, it requires believing. To believe according to Vine’s Dictionary means: “to be persuaded of, and hence, to place confidence in, to trust, signifies, in this sense of the word, reliance upon, not mere credence”. In other words, it takes more than intellectual and emotional acknowledgement of the truth of the existence of Jesus, it takes trust, total confidence, and complete reliance upon the purpose and power of Jesus to save us from our sins.

When we take all that God is doing through the coming of Jesus, we should have something far greater than sentimentality during this season of the year. This season calls for reverent but ecstatic joy. This is articulated in words of the well-known Christmas carol “Joy to the World” by Isaac Watts. Mr. Watts says it like this:

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing.*

*Joy to the earth the Savior reigns. Let men their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy.*

*No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of His  
righteousness and wonders of His love.*

May you have reverent ecstatic joy as you reflect upon the reason for the season.

Shalom!

Pastor Johnson

# Weekly Sunday School Lessons

## Faith in Jesus

|                                              |                         |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Lesson #1</b>                             | <b>December 3, 2017</b> |
| Devotional Reading:                          | Psalm 118:1-14          |
| Background Scripture:                        | Acts 3                  |
| Print Passage:                               | Acts 3:11-21            |
| Key Verse:                                   | Acts 3:16               |
| 27 Take Refuge in the Lord                   | Psalm 118:1-9           |
| 28 The Lord, My Strength and Salvation       | Psalm 118:10-14         |
| 29 A Blessing Promised to All Peoples        | Acts 3:22-26            |
| 30 Your Faith Saved You                      | Luke 7:44-50            |
| 1 Contrasting Responses by Jews and Gentiles | Acts 13:44-49           |
| 2 Crippled Beggar Requests Alms              | Acts 3:1-10             |
| 3 Repent and Believe in Jesus                | Acts 3:11-21            |

## Faith to Discern

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| <b>Lesson #2</b>                           | <b>December 10, 2017</b>     |
| Devotional Reading:                        | Psalm 146                    |
| Background Scripture:                      | Acts 13:1-12                 |
| Print Passage:                             | Acts 13:1-12                 |
| Key Verse:                                 | Acts 13:12                   |
| 4 Joshua Discerned as New Leader           | Deuteronomy 31:14-15,23;34:9 |
| 5 Eli Senses God’s Call to Samuel          | 1 Samuel 3:1-9               |
| 6 Test the Spirits                         | 1 John 4:1-6                 |
| 7 Blind Man Discerns Jesus as Prophet      | John 9:13-17                 |
| 8 Paul’s Strategy: Jews First, Then Greeks | Romans 1:8-12,16-17          |
| 9 Door of Faith Opened to Gentiles         | Acts 14:21-28                |
| 10 Spirit-filled Leadership Discernment    | Acts 13:1-12                 |

## Faith to Persevere

|                                                           |                           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Lesson #3</b>                                          | <b>December 17, 2017</b>  |
| Devotional Reading:                                       | 2 Corinthians 1:3-11      |
| Background Scripture:                                     | Acts 14; Colossians 2:6-7 |
| Print Passage:                                            | Acts 14:8-11,19-23        |
| Key Verse:                                                | Acts 14:21-22             |
| 11 Rejoicing while Struggling and Suffering               | Colossians 1:24-2:5       |
| 12 Both Jews and Gentiles Called to Repent                | Acts 17:22-33             |
| 13 Believing and Suffering in Christ                      | Philippians 1:27-30       |
| 14 Suffering so Others May Be Saved                       | 2 Timothy 2:1-10          |
| 15 Consolation when Afflicted                             | 2 Corinthians 1:3-11      |
| 16 Speaking Boldly, Forced to Flee                        | Acts 14:1-7               |
| 17 Proclaiming Christ Faithfully despite Angry Opposition | Acts 14:8-11, 19-23       |

## Faithful Seekers of the King

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|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Lesson #4</b>                          | <b>December 24, 2017</b> |
| Devotional Reading:                       | Isaiah 49:1-7            |
| Background Scripture:                     | Matthew 2:1-12           |
| Print Passage:                            | Matthew 2:1-12           |
| Key Verse:                                | Matthew 2:11             |
| 18 God Saves Moses                        | Exodus 1:22-2:10         |
| 19 Light to the Nations                   | Isaiah 42:1-9            |
| 20 A Peaceful Ruler from Bethlehem        | Micah 5:1-5              |
| 21 Faithful to God’s Plan                 | Matthew 1:18-25          |
| 22 Escape for Family; Massacre of Infants | Matthew 2:13-18          |
| 23 Holy Family Settles in Nazareth        | Matthew 2:19-23          |
| 24 Wise Men Seek then Worship Jesus       | Matthew 2:1-12           |

## Faith to Unite

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| <b>Lesson #5</b>                      | <b>December 31, 2017</b>     |
| Devotional Reading:                   | Psalm 68:1-6,15-20,32-35     |
| Background Scripture:                 | Ephesians 4                  |
| Print Passage:                        | Ephesians 4:1-16             |
| Key Verse:                            | Ephesians 4:1-3              |
| 25 Live the New Life in Christ        | Ephesians 4:17-24            |
| 26 Live as Imitators of God           | Ephesians 4:25-5:2           |
| 27 Disciplined Living in Christ       | Colossians 3:1-11            |
| 28 Leadership Gifts in the Church     | 1 Corinthians 12:27-31       |
| 29 Accept the Gifts of Weaker Members | 1 Corinthians 12:12-13,22-26 |
| 30 Experience the Unity of Spirit     | 1 Peter 3:8-12               |
| 31 Seek the Common Life from Above    | Ephesians 4:1-16             |

## Reading Through the Bible in a Year

### December

|                       |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| 3 Daniel 1,2          | 1 John 2      |
| 4 Daniel 3,4          | 1 John 3      |
| 5 Daniel 5,6          | 1 John 4      |
| 6 Daniel 7,8          | 1 John 5      |
| 7 Daniel 9,10         | 2 John        |
| 8 Daniel 11,12        | 3 John        |
| 9 Hosea 1,2,3,4       | Jude          |
| 10 Hosea 5,6,7,8      | Revelation 1  |
| 11 Hosea 9,10,11      | Revelation 2  |
| 12 Hosea 12,13,14     | Revelation 3  |
| 13 Joel 1,2,3         | Revelation 4  |
| 14 Amos 1,2,3         | Revelation 5  |
| 15 Amos 4,5,6         | Revelation 6  |
| 16 Amos 7,8,9         | Revelation 7  |
| 17 Obadiah            | Revelation 8  |
| 18 Jonah 1,2,3,4      | Revelation 9  |
| 19 Micah 1,2,3        | Revelation 10 |
| 20 Micah 4,5          | Revelation 11 |
| 21 Micah 6,7          | Revelation 12 |
| 22 Nahum 1,2,3        | Revelation 13 |
| 23 Habakkuk 1,2,3     | Revelation 14 |
| 24 Zephaniah 1,2,3    | Revelation 15 |
| 25 Haggai 1,2         | Revelation 16 |
| 26 Zechariah 1,2,3    | Revelation 17 |
| 27 Zechariah 4,5,6    | Revelation 18 |
| 28 Zechariah 7,8,9    | Revelation 19 |
| 29 Zechariah 10,11,12 | Revelation 20 |
| 30 Zechariah 13,14    | Revelation 21 |
| 31 Malachi 1,2,3,4    | Revelation 22 |

### 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 |



# TMBC Monthly Meetings

|                              |                                                                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday – December 31</b>  |                                                                    |
| <b>WATCH NIGHT SERVICE</b>   |                                                                    |
| 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 1</b>    |                                                                    |
| <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!</b>     |                                                                    |
| 4:30                         | Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room)                              |
| 6:00                         | Exercise Dance Ministry (Morris)                                   |
| <b>Tuesday – January 2</b>   |                                                                    |
| 9:15                         | Staff Meeting                                                      |
| 6:00                         | Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)                        |
| <b>Wednesday – January 3</b> |                                                                    |
|                              |                                                                    |
| <b>Thursday – January 4</b>  |                                                                    |
| 4:45                         | Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)                       |
| 6:00                         | Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursday before 1st Sunday, Sanctuary) |
| <b>Friday – January 5</b>    |                                                                    |
|                              |                                                                    |
| <b>Saturday – January 6</b>  |                                                                    |
| 12:00                        | Quilting, Crocheting, and Knitting Class (Saturdays, Room 2159)    |
| 12:00                        | Narcotics Anonymous (NA, Beechwood Campus)                         |

## Fellowship Hour

|                                           |                                                      |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>December 3</b><br>No Fellowship Hour   | <b>December 17</b><br>HOPE & Young Adult<br>Ministry |
| <b>December 10</b><br>Children's Ministry | <b>December 24 &amp; 31</b><br>No Fellowship Hour    |

## Flowers Enhancing the Beauty of the Sanctuary

*are dedicated...*

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**December 3, 2017**

In honor of 25th Wedding Anniversary  
**Kevin and Charlotte Kennedy** and in  
loving memory of **Mary Nell and Thomas  
Kennedy.**

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**December 10, 2017**

In loving memory of **Mrs. Ethel Hall ~  
Mother, Mr. Odis Hall ~ Father, Mr. Lloyd  
Hall ~ Brother, Ms. Ada Hall ~ Sister.**  
Placed there by Anelda McKenzie, Elliott,  
Charles, Seabron, and Zedler Hall

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**December 17, 2017**

In loving memory of **Louis L. Sikes Jr.**  
Always in our hearts. Placed there by  
wife, Dorothy; children, Christopher &  
Angela Sikes; grandchildren, Brandon and  
Cameron

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**December 24, 2017**

In loving memory of our son, **Benjamin  
Jermaine Cocroft.** Placed there by parents,  
Jonetta and Ben Cocroft, and Breyonna,  
Terran, & Tammi

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**December 31, 2017**

In loving memory of **Sandra Burns.** Placed  
there by daughter, Monique Sheppard and  
Grandsons

# Important Announcements

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

**Worship Arts Christmas Celebration**  
**December 10, 2017, 4:00pm**  
Tabernacle's Worship and Arts Ministry presents the Annual Christmas Program featuring the Tabernacle Choir, Liturgical Dancers, Cherub Choir and Orchestra Ensemble. Come and worship with us as we sing the songs of the season that will include choruses from Handel's "Messiah", Afro-American Spirituals and Semi-Gospel selections and favorite Christmas Carols.

**Diabetes Prevention Program (Sponsored by the Health Ministry)**  
**Tuesday, January 9, 2018 - Informational Session**  
**Tuesday, January 23, 2018 - Weekly Session**  
Becoming more active and losing a moderate amount of weight can help you change your family history. The Diabetes Prevention Program will help you take steps to prevent type 2 diabetes. You'll learn about healthier eating habits, ways to be more physically active and other behavior changes over the course of 16 weekly one-hour sessions. The group will continue meeting monthly, completing a full year of the program. This program will be offered at no cost to participants but we are requesting participation in a research study. Attend the information to learn more. To register visit [www.nkfm.org/drop](http://www.nkfm.org/drop) or call 800-482-1455. See Sis. Voncile Miller or Sis. Jaye Powell for more information.

**Church Grand Organist**  
**deadline: December 20, 2017**  
Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church (TMBC) is seeking an experienced musician to provide musical support to enhance the worship experience through the use of the Grand Organ, Hammond Organ and Piano. Providing the diverse musical skills necessary for the many genres found in today's church music. This is a Part-Time position reporting to the Dean of Worship Arts and Music Ministry and the Senior Pastor.  
  
Please submit resumes by mail, no later than, Monday, December 20, 2017 to Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church – 2080 West Grand Blvd – C/O Deacon Emmanuel Haley – Detroit, MI 48208 or electronically to [emanuel.haley@gmail.com](mailto:emanuel.haley@gmail.com). View full posting on [www.tmbcdetroit.org](http://www.tmbcdetroit.org)

## Jesus is the Reason for the Season (continued from p.2)

For those that are in darkness, God brings the same Gospel message to you that He brought to the world over 2,000 years ago. Will you receive the Greatest Gift of all, salvation through the birth of Jesus our Lord and Savior? The savior that was prophesied by Isaiah has come to take away the sins of the world. He did not come to destroy the world but through Him the world might be saved. God loves you with an everlasting love and desires to see you saved; He does not want anyone to perish. Will you embrace the Gospel of the birth, miracles, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ; so you can have eternal life?

*Prayer: Gracious God, Our Father in Heaven. Please forgive me of all my sins. I believe You died on the cross and paid the penalty for my past sins, present sins, and future sins. I believe You were buried and that You were raised up by God with all power in Your hands and that You ascended into Haven, where You now sit at the right hand of God intervening on my behalf. I accept You as my Lord and Savior and I turn my life over to You. In Jesus name I pray.*

**Rev.3:20 Here I am. I stand at the door and knock.  
If anyone hears My voice and opens the door,  
I will come in and eat with him and him with Me.**

# TMBC Monthly Meetings

| <b>Sunday – December 3, 2017</b> |                                                                                             |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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 Worship (Morris Room, 1st Sundays)                                               |
| 1:30                             | Group #7 (1st Sundays, Wilcoxson)                                                           |
| 6:00                             | Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)                                                 |
| <b>Monday – December 4</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)                                                         |
| 6:00                             | Exercise Dance Ministry (Morris)                                                            |
| <b>Tuesday – December 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 – December 6</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 – December 7</b>     |                                                                                             |
| 4:45                             | Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursday before 2nd Sundays, Sanctuary)                               |
| 6:00                             | Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)                                          |
| <b>Friday – December 8</b>       |                                                                                             |
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| <b>Saturday – December 9</b>     |                                                                                             |
| 8:45                             | Metropolitan District Congress of Christian Education (MEDCCE) (2nd Saturdays)              |
| 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                             | Women & Girls' Choir Rehearsal (Saturday before 2nd & 4th Sunday, Chapel)                   |

| <b>Sunday– December 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)                                             |
| <b>Monday – December 11</b>    |                                                                                         |
| 10:00                          | AARP Chapter 4803 (Morris Room)                                                         |
| 4:30                           | Prayer Partners (Quiet Room)                                                            |
| 6:00                           | Exercise Dance Ministry (Morris)                                                        |
| <b>Tuesday – December 12</b>   |                                                                                         |
| 9:15                           | Staff Meeting                                                                           |
| 6:00                           | Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)                                             |
| <b>Wednesday – December 13</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 – December 14</b>  |                                                                                         |
| 12:00                          | Tab Tymers (Morris Room)                                                                |
| 4:45                           | Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)                                            |
| 6:00                           | Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)                                      |
| 6:00                           | Northwestern Alumni Association (Thursday after 2nd Sunday, Wilcoxson Room)             |
| <b>Friday – December 15</b>    |                                                                                         |
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| <b>Saturday – December 16</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 (Saturday before 1st & 3rd Sundays, Sanctuary) |

| <b>Sunday – December 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 Worship (Morris Room, 3rd Sundays)                                               |
| 1:30                           | Children's Worship Parent Meeting (Morris 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 – December 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)           |
| 6:00                           | Exercise Dance Ministry (Morris)                                                            |
| <b>Tuesday – December 19</b>   |                                                                                             |
| 9:15                           | Staff Meeting                                                                               |
| 6:00                           | Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)                                                 |
| <b>Wednesday – December 20</b> |                                                                                             |
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| <b>Thursday – December 21</b>  |                                                                                             |
| 4:45                           | Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)                                                |
| 6:00                           | Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)                                          |
| 6:00                           | Northwestern Alumni Association (Thursday after 2nd Sunday, Wilcoxson Room)                 |
| <b>Friday - December 22</b>    |                                                                                             |
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| <b>Saturday – December 23</b>  |                                                                                             |
| 12:00                          | Quilting, Crocheting, and Knitting Class (Saturdays, Room 2159)                             |
| 12:00                          | Narcotics Anonymous (NA, Beechwood Campus)                                                  |
| 1:00                           | Women & Girls' Choir (Saturday before 2nd & 4th Sunday, Sanctuary)                          |

| <b>Sunday – December 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 – December 25</b>    |                                                                    |
| <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!</b>     |                                                                    |
| 4:30                           | Prayer Partners (Mondays, Quiet Room)                              |
| 6:00                           | Exercise Dance Ministry (Morris)                                   |
| <b>Tuesday – December 26</b>   |                                                                    |
| 9:15                           | Staff Meeting                                                      |
| 6:00                           | Alcoholics Anonymous (AA, Beechwood Campus)                        |
| <b>Wednesday – December 27</b> |                                                                    |
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| <b>Thursday – December 28</b>  |                                                                    |
| 4:45                           | Male Choir Rehearsal (Thursdays, Choir Room)                       |
| 6:00                           | Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (Thursday before 1st Sunday, Sanctuary) |
| <b>Friday – December 29</b>    |                                                                    |
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| <b>Saturday – December 30</b>  |                                                                    |
| 12:00                          | Quilting, Crocheting, and Knitting Class (Saturdays, Room 2159)    |
| 12:00                          | Narcotics Anonymous (NA, Beechwood Campus)                         |





# Children's Ministry Game Night

**Friday, December 15th  
from 6-8:45pm**

Join us for a fun-filled evening!

*\*\*RSVP at the registration table during Children's Worship\*\**

**sunday  
school  
christmas  
Program**

12/24

9:00am

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*Come Hear the Sounds of  
Christmas*



**Sunday, December 10, 2017**

**4:00 P.M.**

Presented by the  
Worship and Arts Ministry

featuring

The Tabernacle Choir, Cherub Choir,  
Liturgical One and Orchestral Ensemble

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# *Christmas Worship Celebration*



**Sunday, December 24, 2017, 11:00 am**

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**NEW YEAR'S EVE  
Watch Night Worship**

**DECEMBER 31, 2017, 10:00 PM**

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