



# PASTORAL EMPHASIS

## For the Week of January 6, 2019

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### PASTORAL APPRECIATION

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Happy New Year! Thank you to the Men & Boys' Ministry for hosting our New Year's breakfast!

### CURRENT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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#### Church in Fellowship, Study, and Prayer – Weekly Bible Study

January 9-February 27, 2019

- **5:30 pm – Fellowship** – Join your Church family for light refreshment and deep fellowship
- **6:30 pm – Study** – Courses offered: Survey of John; Baptist Beliefs; Introduction to Discipleship; The Church's Response to Human Needs through Community Action (Ministering to the Mentally Ill); Writing Techniques I; Public Speaking; Introduction to Sign Language; Youth Workshop; & Children's Workshop
- **7:30 pm - Prayer** – Stay for prayer as we corporately look to our Father for guidance.

#### Breakfast with Pastor (Sponsored by the Women & Girls' Ministry)

January 26, 2019 – 9:00 am

- Pre-register with members of the Women & Girls' Ministry.

#### Installation of Officers

January 27, 2019 – 11:00 am

- Leaders and officers for the 2019 calendar year are encouraged and expected to come together for prayer and dedication.

### FUTURE MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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#### Family Month at Tabernacle is Coming!!!

February 2019

- **2/3/19 – 6:00 pm – Family Super Bowl Fellowship** – Sponsored by the Men & Boys Ministry
- **2/8/19 – 7:00 pm – Family Game Night** – Sponsored by the Youth Ministry
- **2/16/19 – 4:00 pm – Family Movie Night** – Sponsored by the Young Adult Ministry
- **2/17/19 – 11:00 am – Family Wears Red** – Sponsored by the Health Ministry
- **2/22/19 – 7:00 pm – Family Entertainment**
- **2/23/19 – 9:00 am – Family Workshops**
- **2/24/19 – 11:00 am – Family & Friends Worship Day – Come Home to Family**
- **2/24/19 – 1:30 pm – Family New Members' Fellowship** – Sponsored by the New Members' Ministry

### DISTRICT, STATE, REGIONAL, NATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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All are welcome and encouraged to get connected to our work at the District, State, Regional, and National levels. Opportunities to serve and participate are available.

#### Metropolitan Congress of Christian Education

January 12, 2018 – 8:45am

- Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church
- <http://www.metropolitanbaptistdistrict.org/>

### FAMILY CELEBRATIONS

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#### Birthdays

- 1/3 - Stanley Wright



# Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church

## THE GIDEON PROJECT

*Judges 7:7 The LORD told Gideon, "With these 300 men I will rescue you and give you victory over the Midianites..."*

### What is the Gideon Project?

- God often gives us great challenges, which are opportunities to trust Him and see His glory.
- Trusting God is not about doing nothing. Trusting God is about having enough confidence in Him to do what He says.
- We have a tremendous challenge before us in 2026. In 2026 we have a balloon payment due in the amount of **\$903,000.00** (nine hundred three thousand dollars). As pastor, I see this as another opportunity to trust God.
- God has laid upon my heart how He wants us to meet this challenge.
- God will allow us to be victorious with this challenge just like God led Israel in their victory over the Midianites.
- God has told me to ask for 300 members to commit themselves to this project. I believe that God will provide 300 members just like he provided Gideon with 300 soldiers.
- God has given us 7 (seven) years to see the victory ultimately.

### How will the Gideon Project work?

- God told me to ask for **300 members** to commit to **\$36.00 per month** (above tithes and offering and Church anniversary offering) for seven years.
  - This is a yearly commitment of \$432.00 (above tithes and offering and Church anniversary offering) for seven years.
  - This is a total commitment of \$3,024.00 (above tithes and offering and Church anniversary offering) for this 7 year period.
- If we are true to this plan as God has given, we will have \$907,000.00 to pay off the balloon payment in full. VICTORY!
- The monies given for the Gideon Project **will be exclusively used to pay this balloon payment.**

### What am I asking you to do now?

- **Read** Judges 7:1-21
- **Pray** concerning your commitment to this project. You should only commit if you are led of the Lord to do so!
- **Be prepared** to sign a commitment form on January 27, 2019, only if after prayer you are led to commit to the project.
- **Pray** for those who will be part of this project. Just like the victory of the Gideon and the Army of 300 benefited all of Israel, the commitment and victory of 300 members will benefit all of Tabernacle.
- **Thank God for the plan!**