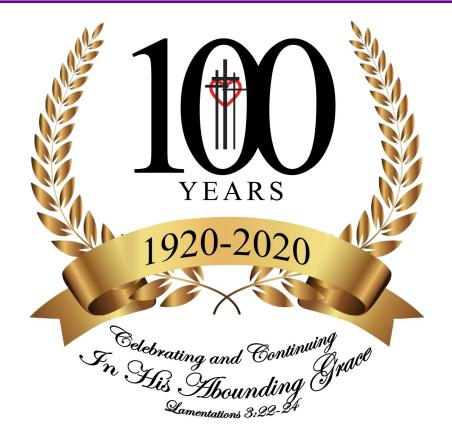
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Are You Pleasing Him?

Everybody in life seeks to please somebody. We tend to look for somebody's smile of approval. Some people are people-pleasers. People-pleasers will do anything to win the approval of others. People-pleasers determine their self-worth by the fickle assessment of others. People who are people-pleasers are living a life of fear. They fear not being loved. They fear not being accepted. They fear not being liked. They fear not being a part of a group.

Some people selfare pleasers. They have real no concern for anybody but themselves. Their involvement with people is self-serving. They often people view as pawns and opportunities. Self-pleasers have no sense of community. There is no "we or us" in their vocabulary. They only think of "me, myself, and I."

Other people are Godpleasers. They want to please God. Their goal in life is to sense the smile of God upon their life. They want to hear God say "well done."

What does it take to please God? The scripture is clear. It takes

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Sundays **9:30am** - The Teaching Ministry of Tabernacle Discusses the Church School Lesson Sundays **11:00am** - Sunday Morning Worship

Wednesdays 12:00pm - Bible Class

Wednesdays 6:00pm - Church in Prayer & Study

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Sermon Topics

April 5 Choose Not to Worry Matthew 6:25-33

April 12
Hope Yet Lives!
1 Peter 1:3-4

April 19 God is God and He Won't Change Malachi 3:6

April 26
More Than Conquerors
Romans 8:35-39

(all sermons by Pastor Johnson unless otherwise noted)

Seek the Lord While He May Be Found, Call On Him While He is Near

Isaiah 55:6 states, "Seek the Lord while He may be found, call on Him while He is near." In light of the shut down we are experiencing due to the Novel Corona Virus-Corvid-19 pandemic crisis, I am drawing nearer to God. He is my refuge and my strength. The Lord God is with us, He is our fortress, and an ever-present help in times of trouble. I am standing on the promises of God in Psalm 91:14-16. It states, "Because he loves Me," says the Lord," I will rescue him..., protect him..., deliver him..., answer him..., and be with him in trouble..., deliver him and honor him, and show him My salvation. Do you love the Lord with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your soul, and with all your strength (Mark 12:30)? He will never leave us nor forsake us.

Psalm 46:10 tells us to "Be still and know that I am God." Now that the stadiums, arenas, golf courses, movie theatres, malls, clubs, restaurants, and the Churches are all shut down; God has finally gotten our undivided attention. What is God saying to you? Are you listening? This has been a time of spiritual reflection, genuine repentance, spiritual awareness, and a recommitment to our first love - Jesus. Whatever happens to us, God is ultimately in control and He will take care of us. John 16:33 states, "I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have trouble (distress, trials, tribulations, oppression, sorrow, affliction, and sufferings), but be of good cheer (courageous, brave, and confident)! I have overcome the world."

Last month we celebrated Resurrection Sunday, commemorating the fact that Jesus was raised from the dead. This is our guarantee that the same power that raised Jesus, is the same power that will also rapture those in Christ. I John 2:25 states, "And this is the promise which He Himself made to us: eternal life. Before Jesus ascended into heaven, He told His disciples 'I will not leave you comfortless; I will send the Comforter (the Holy Spirit)." John 16:7-11 states, "Unless I go away, the Advocate (the Holy Spirit) will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. When the Holy Spirit comes, He will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin, righteousness, and judgment: about sin, because people do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned." Jesus told the

Know. Do. Grow. - A Meditation

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15 (ESV)

As a young child, I was a people-pleaser. I wanted to make everyone proud of me. So, I studied hard and got all A's and B's on my report cards and I was frequently on the honor roll. I can remember sitting at our kitchen table reviewing my spelling words, asking my mom to quiz me until I could spell them all correctly.

One of my first academic disappointments came in the 5th grade. My English teacher gave us a "test." It was a Following Directions test. It contained about 20 items. I was so eager to be the best that I started my test and finished before anyone else. Our teacher had only given us one directive: Read the entire test before you do anything. Me? I skipped the directions. After my teacher had collected all the tests, she read the names of the people who had passed.

To my shock and dismay, I failed the test! I had never failed any test in my life! To this day, I can still remember the pit in my stomach, and the disappointment I felt. My teacher pointed out that the directions stated: "Put your name on the paper and put your pencil down. Do not do anything else." What a life lesson that I've never forgotten. I had done each and every item on the test. Math problems. Geography questions. All of the things that didn't matter in being successful on the test.

The Lord tells us in 2 Timothy 2:15, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." But how can we rightfully divide God's truths and share them with others if we are not making time daily to be in His Word? How can we grow in knowledge and obedience if we don't know what God expects of us? The Word of God is our instruction manual. It is impossible to be obedient to God without being aware of His expectations—just like the test I bombed in 5th grade. I failed because I didn't know what the directions said. As a result, I did things that were unnecessary and pointless. These things did not give me the outcome I desired which was success!

In life, we can choose to "live our best lives" as it's the phrase of popular culture. But we will find that we will often be engaged in activities and situations that are meaningless to our God-directed purposes. Provisions for our "best lives" have already been given to us by God. We can do a whole lot of "activities" without having true success—which is to please God.

Knowing the Word helps us to combat false teachings and helps us to steer others away from falsehoods as well. Our diligence in the study of the Word leads to obedience, which in turn leads to our spiritual growth and growth in other areas of our lives. We want to live a life that is both pleasing to God and meaningful to those around us, as God has called us in Matthew 5:13-16 to be the salt and the light of the earth. We can't afford to "skip the directions" that the Bible provides for us. The plans are all laid out. All we have to do is know, do, and grow!

Prayer:

Father, thank You for when we don't know what to do or which way to go. Your Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Your Word is reliable and available as we go through these dark and uncertain times. We don't have to be left to our own thoughts and imaginations which can cause us to stumble, fall in ditches, or find ourselves on dead end roads. Majestic and sovereign God, You are in control of everything to include all adverse situations. Help us not to lean on our own understanding. The brilliance of Your Word will instruct us and guide us practically in all of our decision making. In it, we find strength for uncertainties, reassurance instead of fear, comfort and peace. You said that You would keep us in perfect peace if our minds are stayed on you, because we trust in You. Grant us a focused mind and a steadfast spirit to study Your Word to show ourselves approved to rightly apply it to our lives. Most importantly, help us to obey its truths. Help us to habitually hide Your Word in our hearts so that we can grow thereby, live it out every day, and reflect the light of Christ for others. Amen.



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Sis. Voncile Brown Miller, Health Ministry Leader Pastor Nathan Johnson, D.D., Senior Pastor

Message from the Tabernacle Family from the Health Ministry

We will get through the current COVID-19 pandemic. We are staying connected and are in this together. Use this time to prepare your mind, body, and home for what is to come. Do not fear. Be smart, and stay in touch.

As a mature church, we need to be mindful about staying well. Below is some helpful information. Know that getting a COVID-19 diagnosis is not a diagnosis that you should go through alone. Let your church family know how we can serve you.

God has us all in His loving arms. Breathe deep and relax. During this time, lean in on HIs everlasting love.

Health Ministry Check-In

- ⇒ Would you like to join the check-in call group?
 Call the church office and leave a message with your phone number for Sis. Voncile Brown Miller
- ⇒ Stay connected!

Self Quarantine vs. Sheltering in Place

- ⇒ Self Quarantine is avoiding contact with others for 14 days if you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19
- ⇒ Shelter in Place is staying home and only coming outside for necessities.

Insurance & Household Management

- ⇒ Check your insurance policies to make sure they are up-to-date.
- ⇒ Are your beneficiaries current?
- ⇒ Designate someone to handle your business if you cannot.

What You Can Do

- ⇒ Stay indoors don't overexpose yourselves to risk
- ⇒ Wear a face mask when you go outside of your home
- ⇒ Call your doctor if you begin feeling badly
- \Rightarrow Wash your hands
- ⇒ Keep living areas clean and sterilized
- ⇒ Stay hydrated (drink hot beverages)
- ⇒ Eat more fruit and veggies
- ⇒ Exercise 30 minutes daily

People at Greater Risk

- ⇒ People with Diabetes
- ⇒ People with hypertension
- ⇒ People with heart disease
- ⇒ People with lung issues (e.g. COPD, Asthma, Bronchitis, Pneumonia)
- ⇒ People with compromised immune systems
- ⇒ People with Lupus
- ⇒ People undergoing cancer treatment

Symptoms of COVID-19

- ⇒ Head ache
- \Rightarrow Fever
- ⇒ Cough
- \Rightarrow Shortness of breath
- ⇒ No matter the symptom you feel, if you have opportunity to take a test, do so.

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faith. The scripture states "without faith it is impossible to please God." Notice that it does not say without faith it is difficult, no the Word says it is impossible. There is absolutely no way at all to please God without faith.

What is faith? Faith is to trust with confidence. Faith is to have confidence in something or someone to the point of commitment. Faith is to have confident commitment without reservation, that is to have a "holding nothing back" commitment. This is a confident commitment to God, no matter what and no matter when. Faith is to trust God, to have a "holding nothing back" commitment to Him in spite of detractors, discouragement, disappointment, delays, disease, or even death.

What does it take to have a faith that pleases God? First, you must believe that God is! You must believe that God is real. He is not an idea, not a concept, not a human construct. You must believe that God is real. God is a person. God has a mind: He knows. God has emotions: He feels. God has volition: He chooses. God has power: He is able to carry out what He wills. Not only is God real, but God is also right. There is no wrong in Him. God is right in what He says, chooses and does. God is also the right One. You must believe that there is no other true and living God. Any God other than the God of the Bible is the wrong God. Any God other than Jehovah—the "I am" – is the wrong God. You must believe that God is redemptive. He is the God who delivers. He delivered Israel from Egypt. He delivered Daniel from the lions' den. He delivered Paul and Silas from the Philippian jail.

Second, you must believe that God is the God who rewards. He rewards those who diligently seek Him. To diligently seek God is to really want Hm. God alone is the giver of good things. He alone gives you a bright future in Glory. He alone gives you what the world can't give you, and the world can't take from you.

So, I return to the original question: "Are you pleasing God?" Free yourself from the fear of being a people-pleaser. Free yourself from being a self-pleaser. Be a Godpleaser!

"And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him." (Hebrews 11:6, NLT)

Shalom!

Pastor Nathan Johnson

Grateful

Celebrating God with Grateful Hearts...

For allowing the Tabernacle Family to participate in His Kingdom Building Work.



Grounds Maintenance Ministry

This team of servants are stewards of our outdoor grounds. They work tirelessly to present our grounds to God with a spirit of excellence. Volunteers are always welcome. Come ready to work and have fun. Contact Trustee Marvin Pettway for more information.



It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because HIS compassions fail not.

They are new every morning: great is Thy faithfulness

Lamentation 3:22-24



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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP - 11:00 AM

Live Stream via YouTube, Facebook, and Teleconference

HOW TO ATTEND CHURCH ONLINE

GET OUT OF BED AND GET DRESSED

it will put you in the right mindset for worship

GO THROUGH YOUR NORMAL SUNDAY ROUTINE

minus the "hurry up, we're late" part

GATHER TOGETHER AS A FAMILY

no multitasking; worship is a family activity

STREAM TO YOUR LARGEST SCREEN IF POSSIBLE

it will feel like you are really "there"

SING ALONG LOUD AND PROUD

it may feel weird, but it also feels weird to the people leading worship in an empty room

PREACH WITH THE PREACHER

say amen, clap, shout and take notes; have a time of prayer at the end; make your home a sanctuary







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Please complete online or email information to kelyse@tmbcdetroit.org no later than Friday, May 22, 2020. Remember to submit information for those who are away at school.

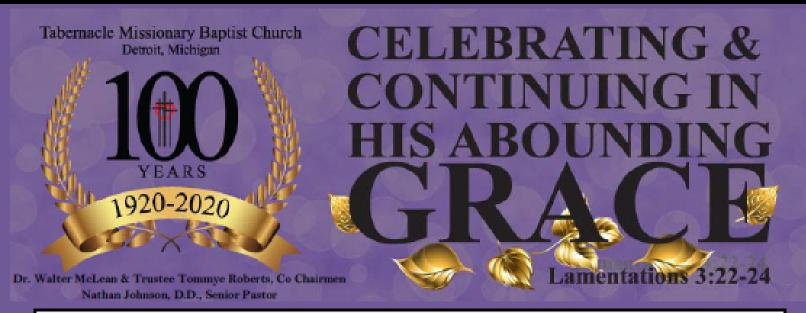
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Email a photo of the graduate to:

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The graduation recognition will be completed based on registrants who submit their information by the May 22, 2020 deadline. Photos and information provided on the application will be used on our website and social media platforms. By submitting the information on your graduate, you are releasing Tabernacle to use their image and graduation details. Congratulations as you celebrate this important accomplishment in the life of your loved one!



Special Prayer & Fasting Focus ~ May 2020

That we continually grow in the knowledge and obedience to the Word of God.
(2 Timothy 2:15)

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Disciples that they would "receive the power of the Holy Spirit and they will be His witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth" (Acts1:8). Thank God for the Resurrection and the power of the Holy Spirit.

The focus of Jesus Christ's mission was to call sinners to repentance: "I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (Luke 5:32). His call of absolute surrender goes out to all people: "But unless you repent, you too will all perish" (Luke 13:5). In His farewell to the disciples, Jesus commanded that they take His message of repentance and forgiveness of sin to be preached in His name to all the nations (Luke 24:47). The Holy Spirit will expose the sin of unbelief. He will show that people who do not repent and believe in Christ will be condemned.

As Disciples of Christ, we too have been called to be witnesses and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The same Holy Spirit that came on the disciples is the same Holy Spirit that dwells in us and equips us to do the will of God. Now is a good time for us to witness about the Love of God and His saving power to our family, friends, and loved ones, while we have a captive audience.

Remember: The gospel must be heard. It may be received or it may be rejected. Understand they are not rejecting you they are rejecting God. You may plant the seed of God's Word. Someone else will come along and water it. But God will give the increase. We cannot save anyone, we can only share the Gospel that leads the unbeliever to Jesus Christ. It is the Holy Spirit that draws the unbeliever and convicts their heart of sin and it is only by the Grace of God, through faith in Jesus Christ that their soul can be saved, from damnation. **To God be the Glory**

We know from 2 Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slow in keeping His promises, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." It is God's will that everyone will hear the gospel, accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, and be saved. Now is the day of Salvation.

Will you respond to the call to be a witness for Christ?

Weekly Sunday School Lessons

Spring Quarter 2020—Unit III: Called to God's Work of Justice

May 3 A Vision of Restoration (Zephaniah 3)

May 10 Peace and Justice Reign

(Zechariah 8)

May 17 Practice Justice

(Jeremiah 21)

May 24 Repent of Injustice (Jeremiah 22)

Determined Level and

May 31 Return to Love and Justice (Hosea 11-12)

Fellowship Hour

Fellowship Hour is planned for the **4th Sunday each month.**

May 24—Youth Ministry, Group #4/25, & Women & Girls' Choir

Celebrating Members with 1-30 years service to Tabernacle.

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Flowers Enhancing the Beauty of the Sanctuary

are dedicated...

May 3, 2020

In honor of all **Tabernacle Monitors past and present**. Placed there by the Monitors' Ministry.

May 10, 2020

In loving memory of Gabie Lockett, Emma Pollard, Lynn Pollard, Doris Berry, John Edwards, Brent Berry - Forever in our hearts. Placed there by Deaconess Yvonne Gillespie & family.

May 17, 2020

To celebrate our friendship & love on **Our 25th Anniversary**. To God be the glory. Placed there by Deacon Gary & Trustee Pearlanne Pollard.

May 24, 2020

In loving memory of our **Deceased Drivers and Riders**. Placed there by the Bus Ministry.

May 31, 2020

In loving memory of my husband & grandson, **Robert Callaway & Kyle Turner Bentley** - Forever in my heart. Placed there by Pamela Callaway.

Sick and Shut-In

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Sis. Carolyn Carr & Bro. Fred Hunter for the loss of his mother, Sis. Mary B. Hunter

Sis. Mary Stewart for the loss of her husband, Bro. Leon Stewart

Sis. Ruth White for the loss of her brother, Dr. Julius Combs

Sis. Ladonis D'Lynn Jenkins for the loss of her husband, Bro. Guy Jenkins Jr.

Sis. Terry Ethridge for the loss of her father, Bro. James Ethridge Jr.

Sis. Rosa Brown for the loss of her cousins, Sis. Eva Thompson and Bro. Clarence Cooley

Sis. Voncile Brown-Miller for the loss of her sister, Sis. Vanessa Ventour

Sis. Germaine Knowles for the loss of her mother, Sis. Clara Germaine Collie

Bro. Fred Cardenas for the loss of his mother-in-law, Sis. Bertha Williams and his brother-in-law, Bro. Dwayne Williams

Sis. Sharon Ruff Fugget for the loss of her father-in-law, Bro. Charles Fuggett Jr. and her aunt, Sis. Roslyn Braziel Hooker

Rev. Dr. Oscar Carter for the loss of his wife, Sis. Bessie Carter

Sis. Andrea Hughes for the loss of her mother, Sis. Eunice Hughes

Bro. Tom Moore for loss of his brother, Bro. Willie Moore

Sis. Katherine Kemp for the loss of her mother, Sis. Bennie Kemp

Bro. Clifford & Sis. Arelia Chandler for the loss of his mother, Sis. Jewel Chandler

Sis. Elaine Jenkins for the loss of her sister, Sis. Bernice Clore

Sis. Rochelle Poole for the loss of her mother, Sis. Geraldine Jackson and her father, Bro. James Jackson

Dea. Daryl & Deaconess Peal Thomas for the loss of her sister, Sis. Gloria Kennedy

Sis. Erma Grace for the loss of her sister, Sis. Lori Dillard Pearl Howard

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Every Sunday			
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Worship ServiceSunday Church School	9:30 am		
New Member's Class			
Big Sisters • Children 2½-5 years • Child Development Cente			
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)		
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