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Trust God!

God calls us to a fearless trust in times like these. It is so easy to succumb to a life of fear in the midst of uncertain times. God knows our human tendency, and He calls out to us to trust Him and not fear. Fear can blind us to the presence of God and dull our hearing to the voice of God. God says to us especially now, "Fear Not." He tells us to let trust replace our fear. God is not telling us to be generally a trusting person but to trust Him. Actually, fear is a kind of "trust," it is a misplaced "trust." Fear believes that the worst will happen. Fear is negative confidence that drives us away from even the consideration of a better tomorrow. Fear places confidence in the possible harmful outcome of present circumstances. In other words, to live a life of fear is to live a life controlled by circumstances, particularly the negative ones. God does not want us to be emotional victims of our fears. God says trust Him.

The question is "can we trust Him?" This question infiltrates our mind as an uninvited guest, who has overstayed its visit. There was a time when this question would not be worth considering. There was a time when we seemed to know that we could trust God, we had no doubt in our minds. Our doubt is often fed by our disappointment with God. Many are disappointed with God today because of a distorted view of God. This distorted view we possess of God requires God to work according to our agenda and for the fulfillment of our purpose. This is a strange ideology because we will

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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** - Noon Bible Class
Wednesdays **6:00pm** - Church in Prayer & Study

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Sermon Topics

May 3

Through It All God Gets the Glory

Romans 5:1-11

May 10

Persistence in Prayer

1 Samuel 1:9-11

Rev. Arthur Rushin

May 17

Renewed Strength

Isaiah 40:27-31

May 24

Don't Worry About It

Philippians 4:6-8

May 31

You Can't Make Me Doubt Him

2 Timothy 1:12

(all sermons by Pastor Johnson unless otherwise noted)

Rise Up to Meet the Challenge

There is a new arrival in the world today that was not in our lives in January when we were wondering what 2020 would bring. We never thought we would face a pandemic. Daily, we are reminded to be smart -- wear "face masks," use "hand sanitizers," "shelter at home," practice "social distancing," and be "corona tested." These things have become essential practices we did not know were coming when 2020 arrived on New Year's Day. Our lives have changed dramatically and our freedom to move about restricted to save our lives and the lives of others because of an unseen, deadly virus. We are encouraged not only to protect ourselves, but also others from exposure to disease.

We must not let these changes and precautions, however, diminish our zeal to evangelize and send out the message of salvation and eternal hope. Even though our lives have been dramatically altered, maybe permanently, we are still ambassadors for Christ. When God closes a door, He opens a window. We may not be able to meet, greet and touch others the way we used to; but we can still get the message out that **Jesus Saves**. We have an opportunity to "reimagine" how we can communicate the Gospel among friends, family and acquaintances. In addition to the mail, we can use Zoom, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, Snapchat, Pinterest, and Reddit and other web-based sites that allow people to interact with one another. Rather than use such sites to chatter and gossip, we can use those sites to spread the **Good News**, the message of salvation and hope.

One of the great benefits of using technology is convenience. We can send the

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June Writer's Ministry Lesson

This month, our prayer is that the church will worship God with pure, sincere, and thankful hearts. Covid-19 has brought about some major changes in our lives, but it should not affect our ability to worship God. Yes, we are accustomed to worshipping God in a congregational church setting, but we have found that we do not have to be in the “church house” to worship God. For the past two months, we have continued to worship in the privacy of our homes or quietly wherever we find ourselves. We have been blessed to continue worship via technology: Zoom, Facebook, and You Tube. The Psalmist said “*oh come let us worship and bow down and kneel before our maker*” (Psalm 96:6). We can engage in worship in many forms; bow our heads, kneel before Him, or serve Him. The Psalmist says to serve the Lord with gladness (Psalm 100:2). Let us not cease worshipping God.

What is worship? Worship is praise, adoration, reverence of God, and to serve God (Matt. 4:10, Rom. 1:9, Rev.7:15). In the model prayer (Matthew 6:8), Jesus said, pray *Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name*. To hallow God's name is to affirm His greatness. We have read where David says, “*Bless the Lord oh my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!*” (Psalm 103:1). We can bless the Lord; meaning to speak words of excellence about God. We can bless the Lord as we pray, work, shop, do our devotions, or meditate on Scripture. We can worship anytime and anywhere because God is spirit. Jesus told the woman at the well that true worshipers worship God in Spirit and truth (John 4:23–24). God is Spirit, and we who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

So how can we keep a **pure heart** when we pray, meaning a heart free of malice, evil, and self- promotion or selfish motivations? Paul gives us a lot of help. It boils down to where we focus our minds and hearts. “*Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things*” (Philippians 4:8). This verse was offered in the context of praying about everything and as a safeguard against anxiety.

As part of our prayer focus for June, we are urged to pray with **sincere hearts**. God is a holy God. He deserves our best not pretense or half-hearted lackluster. We do not want to be guilty of false worship, either. False worship can occur when we pray, fast, or give alms before men “to be seen by them” instead of in sincere devotion to God (Matt. 6:1–18 HCSB). In the Old Testament, the prophet Micah said, “What does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.” (Mic. 6:8).

Because God loves us and is willing to do what is best for us, we should worship Him with **thankful hearts**. What are some things for which we can offer thanks? First of all, God is our maker, creator of the universe, and our sustainer (Col.1:16-17). He deserves praise. Not only that, He has done great and wonderful things for us. He has provided food, shelter, and clothing. He grants us His care during times of suffering. He sees us through our struggles. He heals the sick and comforts the bereaved. He answers prayers for ourselves and others. Not only that, He has given us eternal life with Him. Paul said in Philippians 4:6...*in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God*. We should not take our blessings for granted. Thank God for peaceful days, for our health and strength for today. Thank Him for being our constant companion when things are not well. Thank Him for what He is doing and has done. Thank Him for His never-ending love towards us. Church, **pray that we will worship God with pure, sincere, and thankful hearts**.

Dear heavenly Father, help us to always be aware that we live, move and have our being in You. Each breath we take is by Your grace and sustaining power. You always treat us justly. Sometimes in our limited understanding we think some things are unfair, but truly You are kind and merciful toward us far more than we deserve. You give us all we need for each day. Your constant and eternal Presence is light in our darkness, the cure for our despair and our peace.

Forgive us for our moments of doubt, our lack of appreciation for You and for placing self-centered desires above honoring You. Your mercy is greater than our sinful thoughts, words and deeds.

Thank You for the blessings we have received and the grace by which we live in this present moment. Thank You for our relationship with You that keeps us living abundantly through all situations. Thank You for the relationships and the loved ones that bring us joy. Thank You for the sure hope that all things will work together for the good of those that love You and are called to Your purposes.

Help us focus on the fact that Your love for us is unfailing and stronger than all that comes against us. Let Your perfect love cast out all our fears. Grant us peace of mind, purity of heart, strength and endurance for the temptations, trials and tests we face. Complete the good work You began in us when You saved us. Make us pleasing in Your sight. Your divine affirmation – Your “well-done”- is our purpose and the satisfaction for our souls. Amen.

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Well Done, Thou
Good and Faithful Servant

Matthew 25:21

Trust God!

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embrace at the same time our limitedness while demanding that the unlimited God do our bidding. To trust God is more than believing that God can and will do what we ask. Trusting God is about trusting Him because of who God is.

We can trust God because He is “truth”; there is nothing false about God. If God said it, you can count on it. We can trust God because He is “just.” The “justness” of God means that He, at all times, does what is right. He will not do us wrong. God be trusted because He is all-knowing (omniscient) and all-wise (omnisapient). God is never on a learning curve, there is never the need for God to acquire information about our situation. He knows all the facts. God not only knows all the facts, He knows how to use the knowledge He has. There is never a misapplication of knowledge with God. The wisdom of God should assure us that God knows what to do and when to do it. Because God is all-powerful (omnipotent), He has the ability to do what determines to do. We can trust God’s boundless power to bring to past whatever He has said. God can be trusted because He is present everywhere at all times, He is omnipresent. This is not merely some theological truth about God, but a comforting truth about God. God is present with us at all times, in all places and in all situations. He promised to never leave us nor forsake us. There is no situation in life that God will not be with us. We can trust God because He loves us. The love that God has for us is the kind of love that always seeks the best for it object. This kind of love is not restrained by expense; this love is sacrificial love. We have the greatest demonstration of God’s love for us in the fact that Jesus, His only begotten Son gave His life for us. Therefore, to trust God is to believe that He knows what is best and will always do what is best for us and will spare no cost in doing so. Beyond all of the truths already mentioned and the ones not mentioned, God is eternal and immutable. God will never not be, no matter what time may bring or how long time will last, God will be. The immutability of God points to

His changelessness. Everything that is true about God today, will be true about God tomorrow and all of the infinite tomorrows to come. We can trust God because He will not change on us.

Yes, we can trust God, but the question is, will we? Will we let go of the things that have failed us and the things that will inevitably fail us? Will we exchange our fears for trust in God? Will we place our trust in God without reservation? God wants us to trust Him because He alone is entirely trustworthy. I choose to trust God, will you trust Him too? W. C. Martin speaks my conviction in his hymn, *“My Heavenly Father Watches Over Me.”*

My Heavenly Father Watches Over Me

I trust in God wherever I may be,
Upon the land or on the rolling sea,
For, come what may, from day to day,
My heav'nly Father watches over me.

He makes the rose an object of His care,
He guides the eagle thru the pathless air,
And surely He remembers me,
My heav'nly Father watches over me.

I trust in God, for in the the lion's den,
On battlefield, or in the prison pen,
Thru praise or blame, thru flood or flame,
My heav'nly Father watches over me.

The valley may be dark, the shadows deep
But O, The Shepherd guards His lonely sheep;
And thru the gloom, He'll lead me home
My heav'nly Father watches over me.

Chorus

***I trust in God, I know He cares for me,
On mountain bleak or on the stormy sea;
Tho' billows roll, He keeps my soul,
My heav'nly Father watches over me.***

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minus the “hurry up, we’re late” part

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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



★ WEDNESDAY EVENINGS ★

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Job Opportunity - Full Time and Part-Time Custodians

Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church (TMBC) is seeking high energy and flexible individuals to perform routine work to maintain the appearance, cleanliness and hygiene of TMBC's two (2) campuses. This position may be assigned to work day or evening schedules as needed to facilitate servicing church activities. TMBC operates seven days a week.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Cleaning various church areas as assigned, including restrooms.
 - Vacuuming, sweeping and mopping floors
 - Cleaning Mirrors, Doors, Walls and Mirrors, sanitizing toilets
 - Replacing Hand Towels and Toilet Paper. Remove Trash.
- Support Banquet Center/Fellowship Hall, Educational Wing and Annex Events
 - Set Up and Break Down rooms with appropriate resources and equipment as requested per event.
 - Mopping Kitchen and Various Rooms
 - Removal of Trash
 - Periodically Buff, strip and/or wax floors
- Exterior Services
 - Shovel walkways as needed
 - Remove garbage from exterior cans
 - Pick up debris from lawn, flower beds and parking areas
- Maintain safety standards in the performance of work responsibilities

- Participate in training as required to update skills and/or abilities to use appropriate equipment.
- Engage professionally with congregation, visitors and co-workers
- Performs Other Duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Completed the ninth (9th) grade (High School Graduate or G.E.D. preferred)
- Six months experience general cleaning of buildings and grounds maintenance preferred
- Must be able to lift and carry 65 pounds

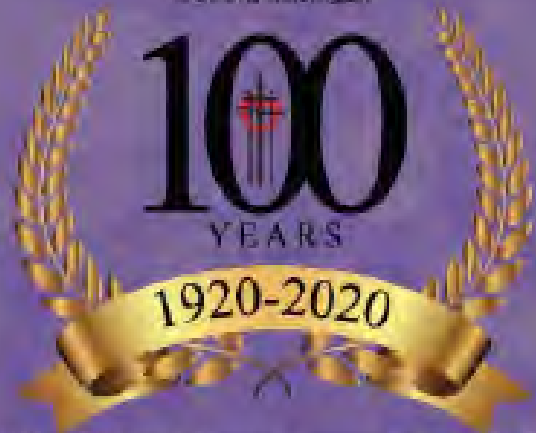
Successful candidates also possess the following key skills and abilities:

- Demonstrated ability to operate cleaning and grass-cutting machinery
- Has ability to climb ladders
- Demonstrated effective level of verbal and written communication skills
- Self-Starter
- Effective team player

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Lamentations 3:22-24

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That we will worship God with pure, sincere and thankful hearts

(Philippians 4:8)

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message of Christ and the receiver can read it at a time that is convenient for both. The gospel message that Jesus died on a cross, was buried and was resurrected to life again to prove that death is defeated is powerful, whether communicated in person, on social media or by mail. God hears confessions, words of repentance and belief in Him, whether we are in church or in prayer in front of a computer screen. Scripture is not limited to any one form of communication. The power of the Holy Spirit is free to act whenever the convicted heart receives the Word and cries out for salvation.

These desperate times have placed Christians at a critical cross-road with respect to the Great Commission of Christ, Who compels us to go into all the world to, *“teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always”* (Matt 27:19,20). We can either be ambassadors for Christ to do the teaching using the means God has placed at our disposal, or let the unsaved die twice, at the end of their physical lives and then forever if their names are not written in the Lamb’s Book of Life.

Since God has given us the gift of creativity, be a creative light. Tell and teach the old, old story about Jesus Christ in a bold, new, way. We can rise to the challenge of overcoming these cruel times. Send out the Living Word of salvation and hope that has power to overcome an ever darkening, deadly world.

Weekly Sunday School Lessons

Summer Quarter 2020—Unit I: Wisdom in Proverbs

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| June 7 | The Call of Wisdom (Proverbs 1) |
| June 14 | The Value of Wisdom (Genesis 39; Proverbs 2) |
| June 21 | The Gifts of Wisdom (Job 1;42; Proverbs 8) |
| June 28 | Wisdom’s Feast (Proverbs 9) |

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June 7, 2020

In celebration of my 60th birthday. Also, June birthdays of **Juanita Royce, Youvonnie Brown, & Yvonne Gillespie**. Placed by Lisa Fleming

June 14, 2020

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 21, 2020

In loving memory of **Lonnie & Inez Thornton**, parents & **Kevin Estell Sr.**, son & nephew. Placed there by the Thornton, Estell, Henderson families.

June 28, 2020

Celebrating our Mothers. In honor of **Yvonne Gillespie**. In memory of **Nellie Thompson**. Placed there by Trustee Hervey & Deaconess Veronica Jenkins.

Sick and Shut-In

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Sis. Rochelle Poole for the loss of her mother, Sis. Geraldine Jackson
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Sis. Harriett Hillie for the loss of her sister, Sis. Freddie Walker  
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Bro. Lester Coleman for the loss of his wife and Sis. Delaina Jones & Sis.  
Ayanna Potts for the loss of their mother, Sis. Loletha Coleman  
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Sis. Kathi Green for the loss of her husband and Bro. Johnnie Green III &
Bro. Josiah Green for the loss of their father, Rev. Johnnie Green II
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Sis. Keziah Kudowor for the loss of her grandmother, Sis. Gladys Kudowor  
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Sis. Regina Patillo for the loss of her aunt, Sis. Alnieada Smith
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Sis. Rae Carr for the loss other mother, Sis. Ruth Collins.  
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| 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-8:15 pm) | |

