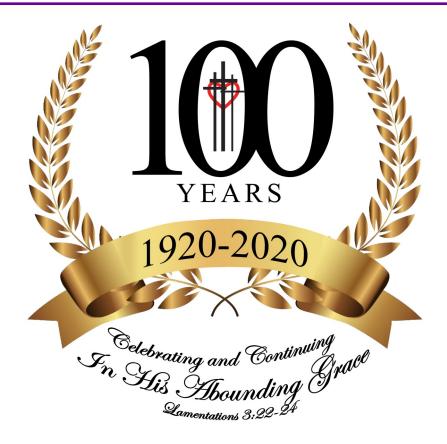
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"When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth. For He will not speak on His own, but He will speak whatever He hears. He will also declare to you what is to come." (John 16:13, HCSB)

When life changes on us, we often find ourselves frustrated. Stuff happens you didn't plan for and stuff doesn't happen that was planned for. The disciples never expected to hear the words Jesus had been sharing with them starting from chapter 13:31 of John through chapter 17:26. These men had left all to follow Jesus and now Jesus is telling them that He is leaving. We also must remember that all of this was said in one discourse. Have you ever had to sit through some disappointing, disturbing, and debilitating news? If you have, then you can sense the pathos of this text. You could almost see the distress on their faces and feel the disquietness of their hearts. Verse twelve of chapter sixteen helps me to know that they suffered not only from this devastating news but also from a dullness of understanding. They just couldn't handle all that Jesus had taught them and wanted to teach them. According to the text they were not able, it would have been too much for them. I don't know about you, but I am grateful that Jesus understands my cognitive and spiritual dullness and does not put on me more than I can bear. Yes, the song writer is correct: "He knows just how much we can bear!"

This is why God in His infinite wisdom sends the Holy Ghost to dwell in our hearts. He knows that we can't make it without His presence in our lives. Earlier in this same

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Saturdays 10:00am - Breakfast with Pastor: A Christian Book Study

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I'M GLAD TO BE IN THE SERVICE

Psalm 122

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Rev. Beverly McCutcheon

(all sermons by Pastor Johnson unless otherwise noted)

## **Sharing the Gospel**

What does it mean to 'evangelize?' According to the dictionary it means, "to convert or seek to convert (someone) to Christianity." "To share religious beliefs especially Christian ones with other people."

Sharing is not an innate behavior therefore it is something that we must learn as we grow. As babies we arrive demanding to have our needs met. It is all about 'us' as we enter this world. We cry to be fed, cry for a diaper change and even for a human touch. Sharing, like giving is not easy especially when you are learning. We want to keep everything for ourselves. Then we begin to see at times, giving allows us to get something in return. Others who've been taught to share, demonstrate this lesson to us. As we mature, we find ourselves sharing things; from recipes to cars, sharing space in apartments, and share even our inner most secrets. Finally, we get to a place where we can share from the depth of one's spirit. Ahh, that is the place we share our belief in Jesus Christ to His unrepentant and lost children.

Have you ever lost something that was important enough for you to stop whatever you were doing to look for it? It may not be considered valuable to others but to you it was. I can imagine this is what God feels when one of His creations is lost. The lost coin parable found in Luke 15:8-10 helps us to understand this better.

"Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents" (Luke 15:8-10).

Christians who are not ashamed of the Gospel become like the woman in the scripture in our willingness to find those who are lost. When we find them, we can share what God has put on our hearts. It is through our sharing of knowledge, beliefs and testimonies that we can lead others to Christ. When the lost come to Christ a transformation begins for them. What a wonderful thing to be part of, helping others to find their path to eternal salvation. It may not take a long conversation or having to provide proof. Just allow the Holy Spirit to work within you as you freely share. Therefore, continue to evangelize by sharing the good news of the Gospel knowing that there will be rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God when you do.

## August Writer's Ministry Lesson

We are living in uncertain times. As never before, people worldwide are searching for answers for the dilemmas they are in and the challenges they face. As Christ followers, do you know that you hold the answer to their most critical need? It is so easy to remain caught up in our own concerns that we walk past people and even family members failing to see that they lack a personal relationship with Christ and the deep peace that comes with it. A relationship with Christ answers the deepest longings of our hearts. Perhaps, we have become distracted by TV and the daily dreadful news of the impact of the global pandemic and its effects that we may be lax about sharing the good news about Jesus who gives us hope.

Every Christian has the responsibility to give a reason for the hope that lies within us. "But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect (1 Peter 3:15, ESV)."

Jesus invited us to partner with Him in seeing others turn from darkness to light and the power of Satan to obtain forgiveness of sins and eternal life in the kingdom of God. The last command Jesus gave was to go and make disciples of all nations... Matthew 28:18-20. We have a Christian duty to share the Gospel. We need to make Christ's passion our passion.

Our prayer focus for the month of August is that we may evangelize the lost so that they may receive forgiveness of their sins and the inheritance by faith in Jesus Christ. God is merciful to the lost. To evangelize is to present Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit that people come to put their trust in God and accept Jesus as their Savior. If we pray for it, God will give us the courage and clarity of Scripture to do it. He will open doors of opportunity to do it. When He does, walk boldly through them. Share the simple gospel in love and gentleness that Jesus died and shed His blood for our sins, was buried and God raised Him from the dead that we should be saved [1Cor. 15:3-6]. Pray that God will help you to look for these doors.

Pray that God will give you the words to say. He has provided what we should say in His Word:

- God's great love- John 3:16
- God's wonderful plan John 10:10
- The problem- Romans 3:23.
- A gap between man and God- Romans 6:23
- The bridge to God: Trust Christ as Savior- Romans 5:8; John 14:6, Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 10:9;1 John 1:9; Romans 10:13; John 1:12
- The life changing message- 2 Corinthians 5:21; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 12:1-2

Jesus said the following in Matthew 9:37-38 (NLT): "He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields."

#### Prayer:

"Father in heaven, we are - in obedience to the command of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ - coming to You and asking You to instill in us the understanding and the desire to be better workers in Your fields, which are the souls of men, women and children who are yet to enter Your kingdom. Give us the passion and opportunity to testify of Your goodness, truth, love, holiness and Your message of salvation through Jesus the Christ to all that You have appointed to hear it. Let us faithfully do it through Your Holy Spirit with Your loving compassion. Let this be our highest priority, always operating with an attitude of joy, thanksgiving and reverence to You. Let those that hear our testimony believe and tell others, so that Your Gospel rings out loud and clear locally, throughout this state, throughout this country and throughout this world. Let Thy will be done. We ask this in the Name of Jesus. Amen."

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discourse Jesus says: "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." (John 14:18, KJV 1900) "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." (John 14:26, KJV 1900)

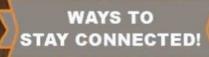
Please note that the Holy Spirit is a person and not some inanimate object. It is quite an insult to the Holy Spirit to be called an "it." He is person. He is living. He has intellect. He has emotions. He has volition. He, the Holy Spirit, is the One who comes into our hearts.

The ministerial emphasis of the Holy Spirit in the text before us is Him as a guide. The word guide is a translation of the Greek word *hodegeo*. The Greek Lexicon of the New Testament gives us this insight: to guide someone in acquiring information—'to lead someone to know, to guide someone in learning.' Jesus knew that there would be a great number of "truth peddlers" with their unique versions of His story. He did not want His disciples to be victimized by esoteric, obscure, cryptic interpretations or "alternative facts." He did not want His story to be told wrong. The word "guide" also suggests that we cannot discover the truth by ourselves as if we are on some kind of treasure hunt. You and I must be led into this truth. Maybe that is why the saints of old would say: "Let the Holy Ghost lead you!" They did not say, let public opinion lead you. They did not say, let your favorite writer, theologian, philosopher, barbershop bible expert, beauty shop bible scholar or even tv/radio evangelist lead you. NO, they said "let the Holy Ghost lead you!" I believe they said this because they knew what Jesus said: "When the Spirit of Truth comes, He will guide you into all truth."

The "truth" that the Spirit guides us into is the truth about Jesus and the truth of Jesus. This is both the theological truth about Jesus and the theological truth that Jesus taught. It is the ministry of the Holy Spirit to keep us from losing sight of why God did what He did in Jesus. Jesus did not want His disciples to allow their dullness of understanding to keep them from comprehending the eternal dynamic salvific significance of His presence on earth. He wanted His disciples to come to a full understanding of His work and this could only happen if the Holy Ghost would guide them. Jesus also knew that the pressures of life would tend to bring about a kind of amnesia concerning the things He had taught them. He knew that when life got tough they would be subject to forget what He had said to them. And even if they remembered what He had taught them, they would not know how to apply what they remembered. This why the Holy Ghost must guide us. He shows us how to use what we know. He shows us how to put into action what Jesus has taught us. The Holy Ghost shows us how to pray for those who despitefully use us. It is the Holy Ghost who shows how to bless those who curse us. It is the Holy Ghost who shows us how to hold on until tomorrow.

As we stated earlier, there was much that the disciples could not handle at this time. Even though they could not bear to know it right then, it did not stop God's plan from unfolding. Jesus knew what was about to happen and He knew that His disciples would need some help in understanding, in making sense of the times to come. There are many things that are happening right now that we don't understand. There are many things that are yet to happen that will strain our understanding. But, thank God for the ministry of the Holy Ghost. It is through the ministry of the Holy Ghost that God reminds us that what we are seeing is the unfolding of Scripture. This is not the world gone mad, this is God working out His plan.

It is the Holy Ghost that reminds us through the Word that God is in charge and in control. It is the Holy Ghost that reminds us that God will do just what He said He would do. It is the Holy Ghost that reminds that no matter what is happening now, God's plan will not be aborted. It is the Holy Ghost that reminds us that God's Got This! Whatever is happening today: Let the Holy Ghost remind you -- God's Got This! Whatever happens tomorrow: Let the Holy Ghost remind you-- God's Got This! When my eyes close to open no more, when my tongue is silenced to speak no more on this side, when I lay down for the last time on this side, I can die calm and easy because: God's Got This! Let the Comforter Comfort You!



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it will put you in the right mindset for worship

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no multitasking; worship is a family activity

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it will feel like you are really "there"

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

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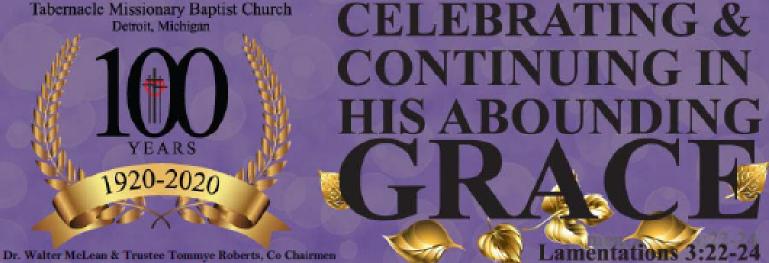
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Teaching Ministry of Tabernacle Discussion of the Sunday Church School Lesson

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Wednesdays - 6:00-7:30pm -

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ADDITIONAL VIRTUAL MEETINGS AT-A-GLANCE

August 4, 2020 - GO VOTE in the Michigan Primary

August 9, 2020 - 4:00pm - Group 18 Bi weekly Teleconference

Connect with Sis. Jacqueline Snodgrass

August 18, 2020 - 6:30pm - Marr-O-Not Fellowship Monthly Prayer Teleconference Connect with Sis. Charlotte Kennedy

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Stancil Sewell - 7/6

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Elaine Wilmore - 7/11

Diana Clowney-Tyler - 7/15

Brenda Ellis - 7/15

Johnnie Green, III - 7/15

Jamie Boyd - 7/16 Zetherine Burns - 7/18

Lester Coleman - 7/18

Jamie Roy - 7/19 Eric Samuels - 7/23

Carl Watts - 7/24

Jacqueline Birotte - 7/25

Essence Hickman - 7/27

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Marvin & Elana Hughes - 7/23

#### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Courtney Johnson - 8/1

Shirley Reed - 8/2

Doris Wright - 8/4

Juanita Johnson - 8/11

Janice Robinson - 8/14

Dorothy Moore - 8/19

Jamie Hamilton - 8/19 Elaine Stevens - 8/26

**ANNIVERSARIES** 

Deacon Ulysses & Gloria Hunter - 8/14

Deacon Toby & Deaconess Gina Gallant - 8/1

Brother Herman & Sister Marjorie Oliver - 8/12

## Weekly Sunday School Lessons

Summer Quarter 2020—Unit III: Wisdom in the Gospels

**Faith and Wisdom** August 2

James 1:1-11

**Hearing and Doing the Word** August 9

James 1:19-27

August 16 Faith Without Works is Dead

James 2:14-26

August 23 Taming the Tongue

James 3:1-12

August 30 Two Kinds of Wisdom

James 3:13-18;5:7-12

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WELCH, Sis. Nettie

WILMORE, Bro. Louis

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Sis. Marie Friday and family for the loss of her sister, Sister Ruby Wingate

Bro. Charlie & Sis. Mary Simmons for the loss of her mother, Sister Minnie Dozier

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Sis. Joan Gibson for the loss of her son, Bro. Jeffrey Gibson

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Sis. Lenora Jones for the loss of her aunt, Sis. Betty Matthews

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Sis. Cynthia Carter for the loss of her cousin, Sis. Dorothy Ann Mitchell

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Sis. Amanda Byas for the loss of her sister, Sis. Charlemagne Pope

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Sis. Yvonne Calloway for the loss of her husband, Bro. Grady Calloway

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Rev. Dr. Minnie Washington for the loss of her husband, and Rev. Debra Carter for the loss of her father, Rev. Dr. Carl Washington Sr.

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Sis. Victoria Smith for the loss of her aunt, Sis. Thelma White

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Sis. Marjorie Brown for the loss of her friend, Min. Josie Suell

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Bro. Cornelius Willingham for the loss of his mother, Trustee Addie Strong

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Bro. Lawrence Bentley for the loss of his mother, Sis. Elois Bentley

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Bro. Alfred & Sis. JoAnn Click for the loss of their cousin, Sis. K'Ailene McGlothen

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