

COME HOME TO FAMILY

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Yours For The Asking

When trials come our way, we often find ourselves perplexed, bewildered, and without any viable plan. In the book of James, we see a simple but profound answer to our dilemma. "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him" (James 1:5, ESV). The Holy Spirit, through James, says, "let him ask." Coming to grips with this is hard for us, due to our pride and often disappointing, debilitating attitude of self-sufficiency. We must admit that in our bank account of "wisdom," we have insufficient funds for the transaction at hand. We are facing a shortage in the area of understanding and knowing how to live wisely through our trials and tribulations. This is a very humbling reality to face. James does not bring us to this reality to participate in a perpetual pity party. He is not trying to make us feel bad. He sets forth a remedy for our awful plight.

We have become smarter in this age but not wiser. We have confused wisdom with knowledge. The two are not the same. Knowledge is a result of the acquisition of information. Knowledge makes us aware of our situation but does not tell us how to function in our situation. "Common sense" is sometimes mistaken for wisdom. All it takes to discover the fallacy in this position is to be faced with "uncommon" problems. When we are faced with uncommon issues, common sense won't help. What we need is "wisdom." Wisdom is the proper application

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Pastor's Schedule

STAY CONNECTED VIRTUALLY:

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

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Sermon Topics

August 2
LOOK UP AND LIVE
Psalm 123

August 16
WHO DO YOU TRUST?
Psalm 125

August 30
**WHO'S THE BUILDER OF
YOUR LIFE?**
Psalm 127

August 9
WE'RE STILL HERE
Psalm 124

August 23
JOY FOR THE JOURNEY
Psalm 126

(all sermons by Pastor Johnson unless otherwise noted)

Share the Love of Jesus

With all that is going on in the world today love is what is needed. As Christians we have something to look forward to. We have been chosen by the God of love and placed in His family to show forth His love. So often our identity is wrapped up in who we love and how we are treated. Many people spend a lifetime trying to find love and a sense of belonging. Because we are Christians our identity is found only in Jesus Christ who came to demonstrate true love. Searching for love in another person or things will bring disappointment, insecurity, frustration and anxiety. Jesus said in order to save your life and experience true love, you must be willing to place your life in Him (Luke 9:24). You cannot experience the freedom and purity of your identity in Christ if you are still longing to be identified with the things of this world

In reminding the early church of their identity, Peter told them, yes it was true, they were aliens, strangers to this world. (1 Peter 2:11-12) Yet they had been chosen by God to know and experience all the wonder and goodness of His glory and grace. Therefore, their identity was secure in Christ. Have you settled the need for identity in your life? If so, rest in the power of His love. If not settle the need for love; choose Jesus as your savior and your identity will be secure. Your identity will be good for eternity. During these times of pandemic uncertainties share the love of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior with everyone.

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Writer's Ministry Lesson

"This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:12-13).

Unconditional love is the most needed grace that will provide spiritual and emotional sustenance in our world today. Love should be the guiding compass in all we say or do. We are all in the midst of challenging times and the Church is not exempt. How can the Church continue to serve the community in the middle of such unrest; political chaos, racial injustice, and the deadly Covid – 19 disease?

To serve effectively, it starts with having the love of God in our hearts and mutual love for each other. After all, God is love and He so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. (John 3:16) Love is at the heart of Christian witnessing where there is a genuine concern not to see people perish.

"Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things, Love never fails" (1 Corinthians 13:7-8).

As Christians we should be at the forefront demonstrating the love of Christ in us by the way we live, serve others, and work. This often requires sacrifice at many levels, empathy, compassion, patience, and caring. At the same time, we grow and mature by caring for and nurturing one another especially when we are grounded in the Word of God. It has been said that we are the living epistles of Christ written in our hearts meaning that the true transformed lives of Christians in their life walk every day modeled before unbelievers may be the only Bible they will ever read (2 Corinthians 3:2-3).

By delighting in the work of Christ and serving Him willingly, we receive the peace of God, rest from unnecessary stress and anxiety, and calmness of spirit. As per our special prayer focus, this spiritual service of **serving, and working in the church and the community** is required of every Christian, not just church leaders. When we ask God, He grants us Godly wisdom to be prudent in the matters concerning the building of the Church body. Wisdom is the capacity to understand, apply knowledge, and act wisely. Wisdom enables us to do and say the right thing. This spiritually edifies and develops the Christian body of believers.

"But if any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God who gives all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him" (James 1: 5).

"And the peace of God which surpasses all comprehension will guard our hearts in our minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4: 9).

Our Special Prayer Focus for this month is **that the love, peace and the wisdom of God will rule in our hearts as we live, serve, and work in the church and the community**. We are asking God for three things; love, peace, and wisdom. We are asking God to allow, love, peace, and wisdom, to govern our deeds as we serve Him, work, and live not only in the church, but also in the community.

Paul expresses these ideas well in Colossians 3:16-18:

"And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."

Prayer:

Father God, we thank You for all You have done for us. We thank You that we can come to You with our prayers and concerns. Lord, we ask that where we lack, You will supply. Let us remember that You are the ultimate provider who loves and cares for His children. We ask that You bless us with the wisdom to make daily decisions that align with Your will, Father. Help us to be Your hands in our communities and in the world at large, as we serve the less fortunate and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. Let us be mindful that we represent the one true God, so that our speech and conduct is always pleasing in Your sight. Bless us now Lord as we continue to do the work You sent us to do.

In the matchless name of Jesus, the Christ, we pray. Amen.

Yours for the Asking *Continued from page 1*

of knowledge. The wisdom we need is the God-given capacity to understand your situation and, with this understanding, have the skill to live in and through your situation.

The only way to obtain what we lack is "to ask." We must choose not to be silent; we must "ask." The word "ask" is "*aiteo*." There are two words often translated "ask." One word is "*eratao*" which describes the "asking" of one person to another who shares equal footing; in other words, they are seen as equals. The word used here is "*aiteo*" which describes the asking of an inferior to a superior. To "ask" in this manner requires that one admit that the one that he makes his request to is greater than he is. You and I can never acquire what we need to cover our shortage of wisdom; if we do not come honestly admitting we are less than the one we seek relief. This verb strongly suggests an attitude of dependence.

The wisdom that we lack comes from only one source. All other sources of wisdom will be "lacking, short, insufficient" for the task at hand. This inadequate list includes intellect, experience, traditions, and feelings. This list even includes your well-intentioned friends and your revered loved ones. The only source of this kind of wisdom is God. Why would we seek from that which is limited when we have available to us the One who exists outside all limitations? God is the only One of no limitations.

God is not only without limitations; God is a giving God. He is inherently giving. God is the God who gives because giving is a permanent part of His nature. You and I often have problems with giving because giving is not a permanent part of our fallen nature. We give in spells, we give seasonally, and we give sentimentally but not essentially. God gives because He is essentially a giving God. The verb "gives" is parsed as a "present/active/participle." This parsing means that God acts upon Himself and gives in our real-time situations. The participle aspect of the verb suggests that God does this giving without broken continuity. He gives, and He gives all the time.

James writes that God gives to all. This is wonderful news because we live in a world that practices partiality with a great flare. God is an impartial God. He is no respecter of person. He treats all of us who are a part of His family without favoritism. God also gives this wisdom liberally. When we give, we often give stingily, holding back, and with duplicity. In other words, we give deceitfully and with ulterior motives. God does not give like that. God does not give with strings attached. God does not give with hidden price-tags. God gives because He is giving.

Sometimes asking for help is hard because of the fear of reproach. Some people will help you, but you have to suffer so much negative talk before, while, and after they give you what you ask for. James says God is not like that. God does not rehearse before you a litany of your faults. God does not go back into your past and remind you about how often he has helped you before. God does not say "you should know better." God is not in the business of shaming His children who come to Him for wisdom. Don't let your past keep you from asking God for wisdom. James says "ask, it shall be given."

Eugene Petersen's paraphrase of this verse makes it clear: "If you don't know what you're doing, pray to the Father. He loves to help. You'll get his help, and won't be condescended to when you ask for it." (James 1:5, The Message) When you come to those times in life when you don't know what to do, don't worry or fret, ask God. He is more than willing to grant you the wisdom you need to make it through. Wisdom: its "yours for the asking."

Shalom!

Pastor Nathan Johnson

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP – 11:00 AM

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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

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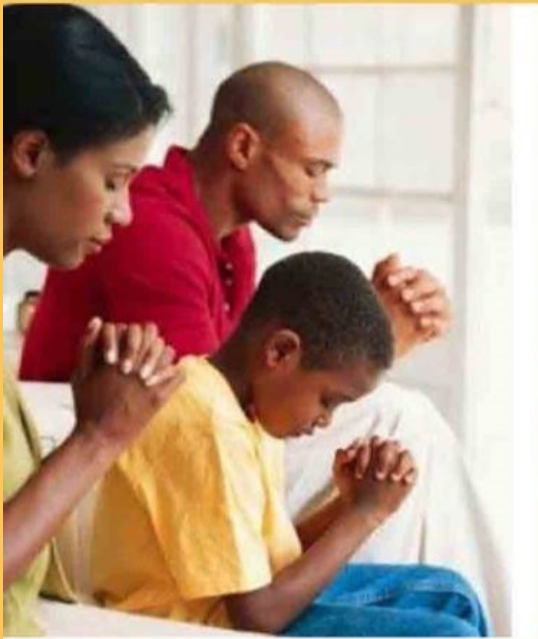
it will feel like you are really “there”

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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Live Stream via YouTube, Facebook, Teleconference, and Zoom*

6:00 PM - PRAYER

6:30 PM - FAMILY BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Johnson

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Class 2: Faith Facing Fears

Re-Discover how our current situation fits in God's good creation. Determine how God's goodwill and good ways can bring healing and wholeness, and well-being and strength, into our daily lives though we may be touched by grief and seeking comfort, loneliness, and fear of the unknown.

Class 3: Faith in Relationships

Develop strategies to help cope with life's challenges and setbacks involving our relationships. Whether single or married, recognize where God is during this season of social isolation. Examine how God calls each to relate to one another. Explore techniques for balancing working at home and exercising good parenting skills.

Class 4: Faith to Flourish

Embark on a pursuit of true joy in Christ, as we learn to thrive in the present and embrace the future with optimism and hope. Allow God to speak to our hearts and awaken our minds. Strengthen our spiritual walk through discipleship and evangelism, prayer, experiencing worship, scripture, the imagination, humor and fruitful conversations.

Class 5: Youth Class: Faith in this Season

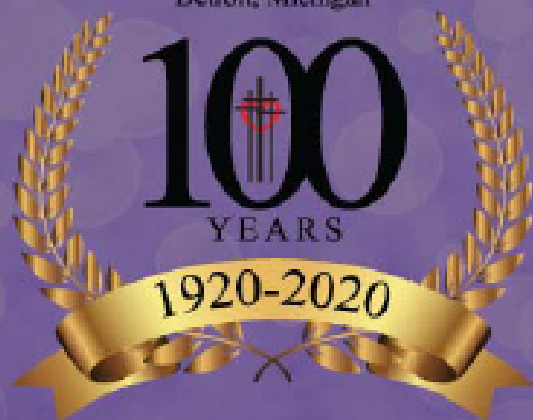
Identify and analyze events and circumstances that are considered crucial to young people. Empower youth to respect others, choose to follow Christ in the midst of change. Emphasize the importance of human connectivity, by exploring healthy possibilities of technology. Discover that although our circumstances have changed, the connections we make never change--God's love for youth never changes. Pursue God for strength and direction.

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CELEBRATING & CONTINUING IN HIS ABOUNDING GRACE

Lamentations 3:22-24

Special Prayer & Fasting Focus~September 2020

That the love, peace, and the wisdom of God will rule in our hearts as we live, serve, and work in the church and community (Reference Scripture: John 15:12-13).

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Ministry Opportunities & Virtual Schedule

WEEKLY VIRTUAL MEETINGS AT-A-GLANCE

September 21, 2020 - 6:30pm - Marr-O-Not Fellowship
Monthly Prayer Teleconference
Connect with Sis. Charlotte Kennedy

Sundays - 9:30-10:15am -

Teaching Ministry of Tabernacle Discussion of the
Sunday Church School Lesson
Access via: Zoom 944 011 791, YouTube,
Facebook, Teleconference (351) 999-3940

Sundays - 11:00am -

Worship Celebration
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Wednesdays - 12:00noon -

Bible Study with Rev. Debra Carter
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Wednesdays - 6:00-7:30pm -

Church in Prayer & Study
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ADDITIONAL VIRTUAL MEETINGS AT-A-GLANCE

September 6, 2020 - 4:00pm - Group 18
Bi weekly Teleconference
Connect with Sis. Jacqueline Snodgrass

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Laurette King - 9/1
Rev. Dr. Bill Thompson - 9/4
Twanna Germany - 9/10
Brandie Ivy - 9/12
Bronson Thomas - 9/12
Kathi Green - 9/15
Pamela Callaway - 9/16
Joseph Cole - 9/16
Jerrod Poole - 9/17
William Grasty - 9/18
Gina Moorman - 9/18
Sharon Hopkins - 9/21
Cynthia Harrison - 9/22
Laila Hopkins - 9/23
Anna Grasty - 9/24
Gloria Johnson - 9/24
Barabara Amos - 9/25
Valerie Lockridge - 9/25
Stella Tolbert - 9/26
Andrea Johnson - 9/27

ANNIVERSARIES

McKinley & Minnie Mitchell -
9/21
Floyd & Gloria Johnson -
9/16

Weekly Sunday School Lessons

Summer Quarter 2020—Unit III: Wisdom in the Gospels

September 6 Issues of Love

Genesis 37:2-11,23-24a,28

September 13 God Rewards Obedience

Genesis 41:25-33,37-40,50-52

September 20 Love Versus Guilt

Genesis 42:6-25

September 27 God's Plan Revealed

Genesis 45:1-8,10-15

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September 6, 2020

Sis. Joya Person

September 13, 2020

Bro. Leslie Brown

September 20, 2020

The Green Family

September 27, 2020

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NASH, Sis. Sara
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RANDOLPH, Bro. Thelise
SMITH, Sis. Chanel
TYLER, Bro. Eddie
WALLICK, Sls. Pauline
WATSON, Sis. Irma
WELCH, Sis. Nettie
WILMORE, Bro. Louis

Condolences

Bro. William Will and family for the loss of his daughter,
 Sis. Angela Renee Will Wallace
    ~~~  
Sis. Ann Shell for the loss of her aunt,  
    Sis. Shirley Boyken  
    ~~~  
Bro. Othell and Sis. Shirley Little for the loss of her sister,
 Sis. Betty Miller
    ~~~  
Sis. Ann Harris for the loss of her brother,  
    Bro. Rodney Leon Hughes Jr.  
    ~~~  
Sis. Margarette Wells & Sis. Sarah Holloway for the loss of their uncle,
 Bro. Adell Young
    ~~~  
Sis. Betty Daniels for the loss of her mother,  
    Sis. Mildred Roberts  
    ~~~  
Sis. Venita Brown for the loss of her mother,
 Sis. Nellie Lee Brown Billingslea
    ~~~  
Rev. Steven Collins for the loss of his brother,  
    Bro. Larry Collins  
    ~~~  
Sis. Rosa Brown for the loss of her niece,
 Sis. Rosa Lee Carol
    ~~~  
Sis. Karen Young, Sis. Lavera Young, and Sister Teresa Youngblood for the  
    loss of their cousin, Sis. Judith Crawley  
    ~~~  
Sis. Diane Coe for the loss of her father,
 Bro. Claude Riddle
    ~~~  
Trustee James & Sis. Theresa Wahls for the loss of his brother,  
    Bro. Frederick Grover Wahls  
    ~~~  
Sis. Cynthia Harrington for the loss of her sister-in-law, Sis. Judy Jones
    ~~~  
Sis. Heather Crayton for the loss of her uncle, Bro. Eugene Ferguson

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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-8:15 pm)

