

COME HOME TO FAMILY

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God With Us!

Many people in our world find themselves distant, alienated, and estranged. They feel that they are in this world alone and must face the challenges of this world alone. This in itself is painful enough, but the pain becomes almost unbearable when the cause of this estrangement is self-inflicted. This is the dilemma of humanity without Jesus Christ. Humanity is completely separated from its Creator, the source of what gives life meaning without Jesus Christ. The wonder of Christmas is that God remedies the distance, alienation, and estrangement experienced by man.

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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

November 1

BE WHO YOU ARE
Matthew 5:13-16

November 15

GOD'S GOT THIS!
Psalm 37:1-11

November 29

**HE'S IN A CLASS ALL
BY HIMSELF!**
Hebrews 1:1-4, NLT

November 8

**PRECIOUS MEMORIES
FOR PRESENT
MOTIVATION**
Lamentations 3:21-26

November 22

**EVEN NOW, IT IS STILL
GOD'S WILL!**
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18,
NKJV

(all sermons by Pastor Johnson unless otherwise noted)

Introspection! Examine Yourself!

It is a good time for us to examine ourselves. After all, it is a traditional time for evaluation and assessment. Have you been good or bad, diligent, or slothful? Has business been poor? Does the employee deserve a bonus? For Christian believers, what has been the effectiveness of our witness for Jesus Christ? Have others been slow to receive our message because we have exhibited various worldly and fleshly traits too often? For instance, are we frequently inclined: To take – but not labor; To benefit – but not contribute; To know – but not do; To reap -- but not sow; To be served – but not serve; To share – but not care; To care – but not share; To listen – but not hear; To look – but not see; To see – but not act ; To act – but not love; To talk – but not walk.

Such traits are basically inconsistent with the kinds of examples which should be exhibited by Christian believers. Ask the Holy Spirit to relieve you of these characteristics and replace them with attributes which are consistent with the teachings of Jesus Christ. If you need reminding, the Holy Spirit is always available to perform that task also.

Before and as we witness, we want to show ourselves as persons who possess the Christians virtues of love, joy, peace, patience, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness -- the fruit of the Spirit, Gal 5:22, 23. If we do this, our introspection in 2021 will show a higher quality and more effective witness for Jesus Christ.

Praying that Tabernacle will be a Beacon of Light for Christ in the City of Detroit - Writer's Ministry Article

Scripture: *"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden"* (Matthew 5:14).

We live in a time where stress, pressures from the counterculture, hopelessness, and lack of care for one another are prominent poisons in society. What is our role as Christians? How do we nudge people toward Christ when everything around them is pulling them in the opposite direction? What influence do we have when our values in Christ are considered outdated and intolerant, and are shunned by those who reject our faith?

We don't have to look too far to see that our country, cities, and states are in need of something the world cannot provide. Unlike in the movies, no cape-clad superhero is coming to save the day and bring peace! The solution to the ills of society lies in the power that resides in us - the power of the Holy Spirit. In John 8:12, Jesus said, *"I am the light of the world. He who follows me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."* Further, Revelation 21:23 informs us, *"the city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. The glory radiating from the two provides light in the New Jerusalem."* Jesus was described as the true light which give light to every man coming into the world (John 1:9). In Matthew 5:21, Jesus reminds us of our true identity - we are the light of the world! This light is not a light that is in us inherently, but rather a reflection of the light of God. We are the world's example, it's way out of the dark path of sin and separation from Christ. Our light is a hopelessness buster!

God is calling us to glorify Him with our actions. We are God's hands and feet. When the body of Christ, either through our churches or other ministries, provides food and clothing for the less fortunate or monetary assistance to those in need, we are letting our light shine. Even at a more challenging level, when we bless those who curse us, do good to those who hate us, love our enemies, and pray for those who use and persecute us, our glaring light contradicts darkness (Matthew 5:44). Matthew 5:16 says, *"Let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."* We are to live in such a way that people are drawn to God!

Prayer

Father we thank You for allowing us the privilege of being light bearers and reflectors of the light of God. Guide us daily so that we will reflect goodness, righteousness, and the truths of the Gospel. Help us to be beacons of light to show others the way to salvation through Jesus Christ while warning some of dangerous areas or pitfalls in life as a lighthouse does for vessels at sea or as rotating beacons at an airport to guide pilots flying at night. Help us to be light in our homes, on our jobs, in our neighborhoods, in our church, and in our city. We pray that we will live in such a way that people will desire to study the Word and to be more like Christ. Let us so shine our lights that men, women, boys, and girls will have hope, feel encouraged, and see the way to press through their daily life challenges. Grant it so that others may see our good works, not for our honor, but to give glory to You, heavenly Father, the only true and living God. Amen!

God With Us! Continued from page 1

The wonder of Christmas is found in the term, Immanuel. Immanuel means "God with us." We must not lose the profundity of this term in its simplicity. The Creator God has come to dwell with us. He who has the power to make something out of nothing is with us. This fact should be an antidote for despair. The presence of God with us means that no situation is without hope. The Omniscient God is with us. The God of all wisdom has moved into the neighborhood. He who knows all about us and our circumstances has become our constant companion. This means that we are never left to the limitedness of our understanding; what we can't figure out, He already knows the answer. The God of our salvation has taken up residence among us. He has come with the power and willingness to rescue us from that which would destroy us presently and eternally. God could have allowed us to continue in our miserable state, but He chose to enter into our state of affairs to deliver us from damnation and ruin. God did not create us to abandon us. He loves us. Christmas is about God's love for us.

The love that God has for us and the gravity of our situation caused Him to show up Himself. God did not do this by sending some intermediary. God did not dispatch a proxy. Love caused Him to show up. It is this love that caused God to take upon Himself human flesh, without ceasing to be God, and live among us. It is this love that allows God to reach out to us despite our rebellion toward Him. God comes where He is not wanted because, in His infinite wisdom, He knows that He is needed. "God with us" is a manifestation of God's tenacious love for us. God refuses to let us go through life alone. He chose to come to us. The love of God is not only evidenced in His presence but ultimately in the payment for our sins on Calvary. The wonder of this is that this ultimate sacrifice, this testament of love, was demonstrated while we were yet His enemies.

This display of God's love toward us deserves a response. We should not merely rehearse the great truths of God loving us; we should receive the God of this great love in our hearts. God has shown up in the One who was born to die, the One who stood in our place on Calvary. The One we call Jesus. This is the One we should quickly invite into our hearts. So, this Christmas, if you have not received Jesus into your heart, do so. Receive the wonder of God's love and experience that which eliminates distance, estrangement, and alienation from the true source of life. The great Christmas hymn of Isaac Watts states it like this:

*Joy to the world! the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing.
Joy to the earth the Savior reigns. Let men their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy.
No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found.
He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love.*

Shalom!

Pastor Nathan Johnson

December 20, 2020 ~ 11:00am

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Christmas

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Thursday, December 31 ■ 10:30pm

Sunday Church School

Christmas Program

Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church
Wednesday, December 23, 2020 at 7:00pm
Sister Irma Wise, General Superintendent | Nathan Johnson, D.D., Senior Pastor



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The Endowment Committee would like to acknowledge members and Legacy who have made contributions to the Endowment Fund to insure the sustainability of the Church's mission and visions in future years.

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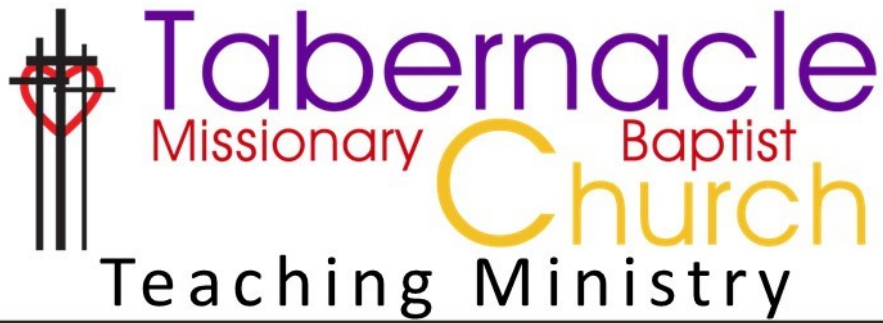
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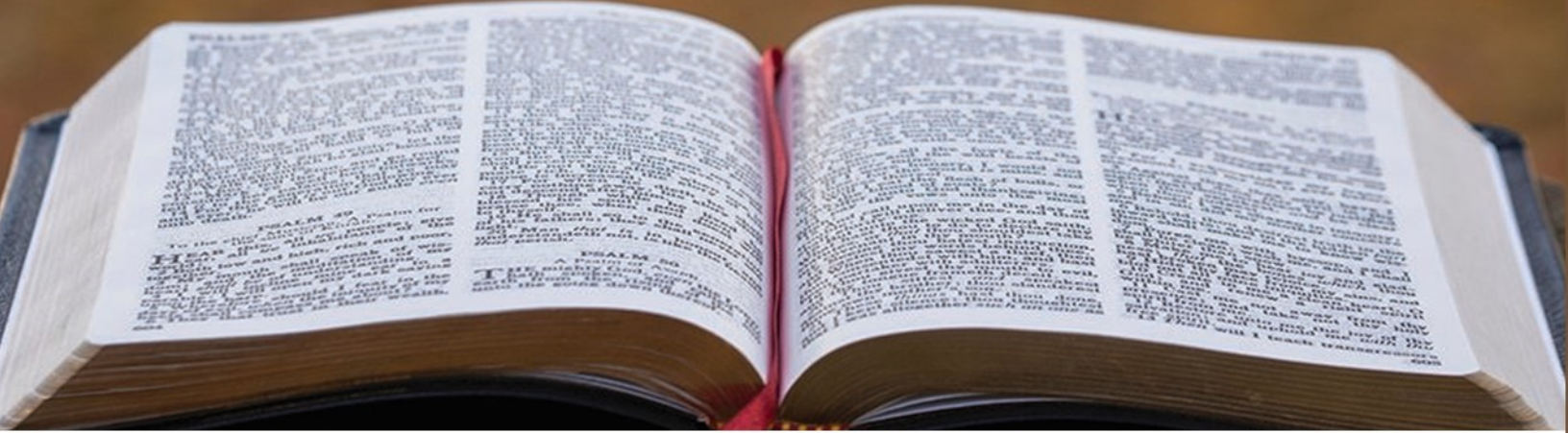
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2 Timothy 2:15 - Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.



Sundays at 9:30am - Teaching Ministry of Tabernacle Discussion of the
Sunday Church School Lesson

Zoom- 944 011 791 | Teleconference- (351) 999-3940

Wednesdays at 12:00pm - with Rev. Debra Carter

Noon Bible Study

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Wednesdays at 6:00pm - with Pastor Nathan Johnson

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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

Stream to largest screen if possible

it will feel like you are rally "there"

Sing along loud and proud

it may feel weird, but it's weird for the people having service to an empty room too

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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Ministry Opportunities & Virtual Schedule

WEEKLY VIRTUAL MEETINGS AT-A-GLANCE

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
Access via: YouTube, Facebook, Teleconference (351) 999-3940

Wednesdays - 12:00noon -

Bible Study with Rev. Debra Carter
Access via: Zoom 129 795 525, YouTube, Facebook, Teleconference (312) 626-6799

Wednesdays - 6:00-7:30pm -

Church in Prayer & Study with Pastor Johnson
Access via: Zoom 584 878 336, Teleconference (351) 999-3940

ADDITIONAL VIRTUAL MEETINGS AT-A-GLANCE

Sundays (1st & 3rd) - 4:00pm - Group 18

Bi weekly Teleconference—Connect with Sis. Jacqueline Snodgrass

Mondays (after 3rd Sunday) - 6:30pm - Marr-O-Not Fellowship

Monthly Teleconference—Connect with Sis. Charlotte Kennedy

Fridays (weekly) - 7:00pm - Group 24

Zoom and Teleconference—Connect with Sis. Cynthia Harrington

Weekly Sunday School Lessons

Winter Quarter 2020—Unit 1: The Beginning of a Call

December 6, 2020 - Called through Heritage

Hebrews 1:1-5; Matthew 1:1-6, 16-17

December 13, 2020 - Called before Birth

Matthew 1:18-25

December 20, 2020 - A Regal Response to Holy Light

Mathew 2:7-15

December 27, 2020 - Called to Prepare the Way

Matthew 3:1-12

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December Birthdays

Sharon Pettway, 12/01
Virginia

Donaldson, 12/2
Lauren

Holloway, 12/2

Patricia Ligon, 12/2

Shirley Tolliver, 12/10

Mary Stewart, 12/14

Rev. Terry

Robinson, 12/14

Darlene Tansil, 12/18

Kiara Holmes, 12/18

Mae Mc Collom, 12/19

Billy Smith, 12/20

Cleatrice Tatum, 12/23

Sarah Holloway, 12/28

Arthur

Featherstone, 12/28

Effie Hillard, 12/28

Anniversary

Kevin & Charlotte
Kennedy, 12/4

Marvin & Sharon
Pettway, 12/5

James & Cleatrice
Tatum, 12/22

Rev. Dwight & Gloria
Fowler, 12/22

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for their willingness to sponsor the Flowers on the Altar

December 6, 2020

The Kennedy Family

December 13, 2020

Deaconess Dorothy Sikes and Family

December 20, 2020

Virginia Browder

December 27, 2020

Charlie Simmons

Sick and Shut-In

ABSALOM, Sis. Carolyn
ANDREWS, Sis. Eleanor
ARNOLD, Sis. Nancy
BELL, Sis. Bessie
BERYL-BANKS,
 Sis. Cynthia
HAWKES, Bro. Earnest
HERRING, Sis. Bessie
HICKS, Sis. Mary
HINES, Sis. Bernadine
HUNTER, Bro. James
JACKSON, Sis. Lola
JOHNSON, Sis. Ruby
LINEBARGER,
 Deaconess Nazell
LYNCH, Sis. Willie B.
MARTIN, Disciple Joan
MEBANE, Rev. Dr. William
NASH, Sis. Sara
ODOM, Bro. Dan
RANDOLPH, Bro. Thelise
SMITH, Sis. Chanel
TYLER, Bro. Eddie
WALLICK, Sis. Pauline
WATSON, Sis. Irma
WELCH, Sis. Nettie
WILMORE, Bro. Louis

Condolences

Sister Marian Yancey & family for the loss of her aunt,
 Sister Ida Richardson
    ~~~  
Sister Dorothy Few & family for the loss of her father,  
    Brother William H. Mason  
    ~~~  
Brother Glenn & Sister Sabrina Burns for the loss of her mother,
 Sister Delois Foreman
    ~~~  
Brother Miguel & Sister Claudette Thornton for the loss of their  
    daughter, Sister Laura Mitchell  
    ~~~  
Sister Alexis Bragg for the loss of her mother,
 Sister Cheryl Lanier Bragg

*Peace I leave with you:
my peace I give you.
I do not give to you as
the world gives. Do not
let your hearts be troubled
and do not be afraid.*

John 14:27



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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)	

