

# COME HOME TO FAMILY

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## No Worries

Is it really possible to live of life of “no worries?” Can a person actually be worry free? The answer is yes! As we embark upon this New Year, I want to challenge you set your worries aside. As human beings, we tend to worry because we allow our minds to become obsessed with the negative “what ifs” of life. If we are not careful these negative “what ifs” will cause us to write off the One “Who Is.” There was a time in the life of David when by all human standards the negative “what ifs” were overwhelming. His own son, Absalom was leading a successful revolt against him. David was on the run as a common criminal even though he was king of Israel. It is believed when he had come to the place called Mahanaim (2 Samuel 17:24) that he remembered the One “Who Is” and therefore “Whose he is” that he wrote Psalm 23. David reveals in Psalm 23 why he was a man of “no worries.”

David declares “Who Is” and “Whose he is.” The first three words of Psalm twenty-three, when remembered can chase anxieties away. “The Lord is,” the One who is the true and living God, the One who is faithful “is.” He has been, He is right now, and will always be. There is no problem or adversary that will always be. The reawakened confidence in David was solidified when he reminded himself that he belonged to the One “Who Is.” Notice what David says: “The Lord is my shepherd....” You and I can never be free of worry if we

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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

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## Sermon Topics

December 6

**IT WAS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY**

Hebrews 2:10-18, NLT

December 20

**JESUS, THE BEST GIFT EVER**

Hebrews 5:1-10, NLT

December 13

**COME CLOSER**

Hebrews 4:14-16

December 27

**GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISE**

Hebrews 6:13-20, NLT

(all sermons by Pastor Johnson unless otherwise noted)

## Bad News, Good News!

Five days before Christmas, the newspaper headline proclaimed: "Good will? Peace? Not in this church."

A 133-year-old congregation was being torn apart. The pastor was being heckled during his sermons. Competing factions were passing around their own collection plates. The police even had to be called in when the arguing got out of hand during a service.

That is bad news. We wince at the public spectacle of Christians divided by jealousy and anger.

On the other hand, the good news is that this is a rare occurrence. Newspapers typically report the unusual and bizarre, not the ordinary events of everyday life. We read about one plane crash, not the countless safe landings; about one church that is torn by hatred, not the many that are filled with love.

Mark's Gospel is the shortest of the four accounts of the life of Jesus in the Bible. The word "Gospel" means "good news." The writers of the Gospels were convinced that Jesus was good news for the whole world.

In the opening words, Mark tells us about the good news he wants to share with us: it is about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Just before Jesus' crucifixion, He prayed for all believers .....

*"I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me" (John 17:20-23, NIV).*

As that prayer is answered in your life and in your church, you probably will not make the headlines. But you will bring joy to God's heart and help show people in a troubled world that the Prince of Peace has come.

It all begins when you put your trust in Jesus Christ as your personal Savior.

# Writer's Ministry Article

*"That according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love" (Ephesians 3:16-17).*

While 2020 was a year filled with major challenges brought on by the entry of the Coronavirus, God kept Tabernacle so that we experienced our Centennial Year! Even though health, economic, racial, political, and social crises caused upheaval and turmoil, Tabernacle continued to give, to serve others, and worship God for the very first time outside of the church walls by Zoom, YouTube, and Facebook! Amid the darkest times of our lives, God kept us. He brought rays of light and hope to include a vaccine and the election of a new President of the United States and historically the very first female Vice President of Black and Indian descent!

In the meantime, in 2021, the ministry has to go on. The poor and the homeless are still in need of food as typically accomplished by the services of Tabernacle's Autumn Fellowship. Every need continues. The sick need care, the unemployed need help, the discouraged need encouragement, the fearful need counsel, broken relationships need mending, and the bereaved continue to need comforting support. Church staff, ministers, and leaders need help with what they do, and everyone needs as much encouragement, hope, and prayer that we can offer. The Gospel must go forth to reach the lost. Teaching the Word of God at all levels and ages is imperative. None of these things happen on its own. It takes committed people working to make things happen.

The book of Titus informs us that the church which is the body of Christ is called to good works. "The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people" (Titus 3:8, ESV).

The writer of Hebrews urges us, the people of God, to not neglect doing good [see Hebrews 13:16]. The epistle of James speaking for itself indicts us: "If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled,' without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead" (James 2:15-17, ESV).

We have heard what the Word of God says and thereby take note of it. The reality is that we continually need strength and encouragement to embody and carry out these directives. How did Jesus do it when He walked this earth in a human body? He drew away to pray. As a church, approaching our centennial year in 2020, we fasted and prayed. Each month, we were presented with a prayer focus and charged to pray. God heard us and brought us through the trying times.

God has brought Tabernacle through many challenging times for one hundred years! Encouraged and filled with hope, in 2021, we will continue to pray the prayer focuses with joy and gratitude as we serve God, the church, and community! Our prayer focus for January 2021 is: ***That the people of God will be encouraged and strengthened to continue serving God in the church and community.*** Indeed, we need strength to continue, particularly with the added tasks of educating our children at home or caring for family members. In these cases, serving and ministering at home may be all encompassing with the Covid-19-surges. However, when faced with these circumstances, the most important thing that can be done is to engage in intercessory prayer for the church, its ministries, leaders, and the community.

As Jesus prayed continually, so should we [see Mark 1:35, Luke 5:16, Luke 9:29]. There are many biblical passages pertaining to strength, hope, and encouragement that we can and should pray. Paul gave us a passage, he prayed for the church that we can pray as well in Ephesians 3:14-17: *"For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love...."*

Asking God to strengthen us in our innermost being will undergird us for the work God has placed on our hearts to accomplish. It is through the Holy Spirit that we are energized, revitalized, and empowered to be strong. We would fail or soon wear out if we tried to do this in our own strength. God's Spirit, His Word, and worship makes us spiritually strong to accomplish the tasks before us and the work of the church. Let us finish strong in this Centennial Year exhibiting the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control as we continue to serve the church and the community. Above all, let us not forget one another. Encourage one another and build each other up [see 1 Thessalonians 5:11] by reaching out with a phone call, card, written note, text, email, zoom, face time, etc. Let us not grow weary in well-doing. All that we do is to the honor and glory of God.

## Prayer

*Dear God, we are grateful that You are the source of our strength and our very present help in the time of trouble. We trust Your Word which says that those who hope in You will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, and they will walk and not faint. Enable us each day to spur one another on toward love and good deeds standing firm in the faith courageously and strong.*  
*Amen.*

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don't have a personal relationship with the Lord. In it in this personal relationship that the Lord provides all of what we need. The Lord can do this because He is perfect in all His ways, there is nothing lacking in Him. Because there is nothing lacking in Him, those of us who belong to will suffer no lack. Whatever He provides, He provides perfectly. This is why David says: "I shall not want."

When David considered "Who is" and "Whose he is" the negative "what ifs" no longer taunted him. David understood that the Lord provided rest in times of distress. In times of exhaustion, the Lord would give him the refreshment of peace. David all too well knew his propensity to make mistakes, but he also knew that the Lord gives restoration. The Lord also provides routing, guiding David along the right paths. By now I am sure that you realize that no matter what you need, the Lord is able to provide. He provides relief from your fears by being present, resources in spite of your enemies, reassurance for the journey by His constant mercy and goodness, and a residence with Him forever.

The New Living Translation translates the twenty-three Psalm in this manner: *"The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need. He lets me rest in green meadows; He leads me beside peaceful streams. He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to His name. Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for You are close beside me. Your rod and Your staff protect and comfort me. You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings. Surely Your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever"* (Psalm 23, NLT).

The gospel songwriter Milton Thompson uses these words:

*Because the Lord is my shepherd  
I have everything I need  
He lets me rest in the meadow's grass  
And He leads me beside the quiet streams  
He restores my failing health  
And He helps me to do what honors Him the most  
That's why I'm safe, that's why I'm safe  
That's why I'm safe, safe in His arms*

**No Worries!**

Shalom!

Pastor Johnson





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**Women & Girls' Ministry**

**"A TIME WITH PASTOR"**

**Saturday, January 23, 2021 - 10:00am**

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# Installation of Church Officers & Leaders

**Sunday, January 24, 2021 - 11am**

SAVE THE DATE

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Check the Tabernacle Website for more information and schedule of activities

**[WWW.TMBCDETROIT.ORG](http://WWW.TMBCDETROIT.ORG)**

Virtual Meetings to be Determined

February 27-28, 2021

**FAMILY WEEKEND**

February 28, 2021 - 11:00am

**COME HOME TO FAMILY WORSHIP**

*All are Welcome*





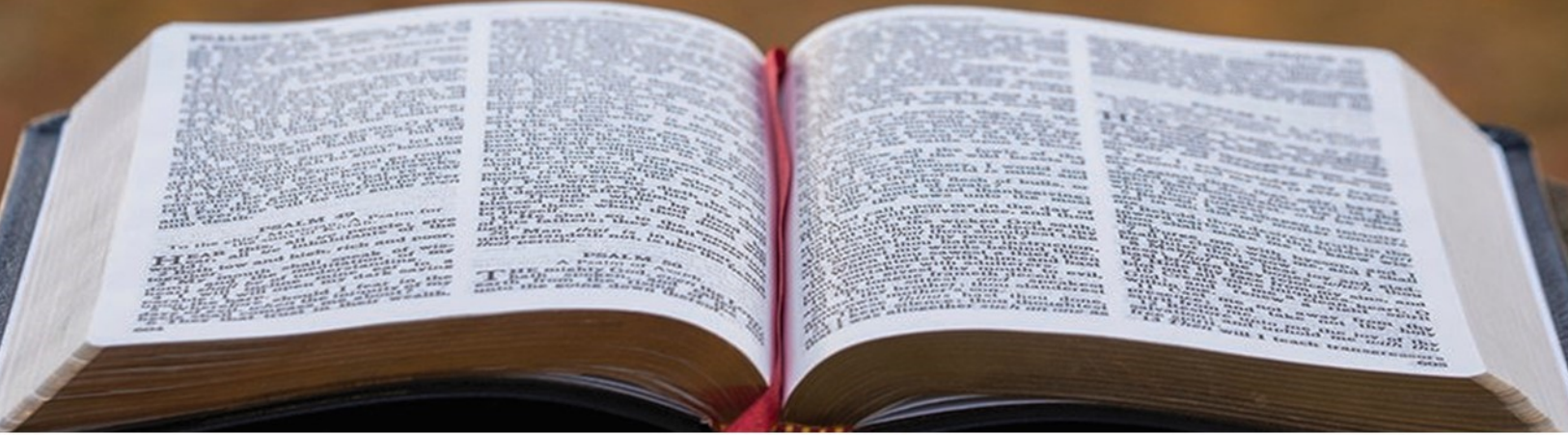
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## Teaching Ministry

**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**

**Zoom- 129 795 525 | Teleconference- (312) 626-6799**

**Wednesdays at 6:00pm - with Pastor Nathan Johnson**

## **Church in Prayer & Study**

**Zoom- 584 878 336 | Teleconference- (351) 999-3940**



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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 2021—Unit 2: Jesus and Calls in His Ministry

**January 3, 2021—Called to Proclaim**

Luke 4:14-22a

**January 10, 2021—Called to Significance**

Luke 5:1-11

**January 17, 2021—Called to Heal**

Mark 2:1-12

**January 24, 2021—Called as the Intercessor**

John 17:14-24

## Stay Connected

**Church Office: 313-898-3325**

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

**We would love to celebrate with you!  
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birthday or anniversary.**

## Sick and Shut-In

ANDREWS, Sis. Eleanor

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BERYL-BANKS,

Sis. Cynthia

HAWKES, Bro. Earnest

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HICKS, Sis. Mary

HINES, Sis. Bernadine

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Deaconess Nazell

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MEBANE, Rev. Dr. William

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TYLER, Bro. Eddie

WALLICK, Sis. Pauline

WATSON, Sis. Irma

WELCH, Sis. Nettie

WILMORE, Bro. Louis

## Condolences

Sister Juanita Roye for the loss of her mother,

Sister Annette Cadwell

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Brother Clyde & Sister Bessie James, and Rev. Dr. Rosetta O'Neal, for  
of their sister, Sister Cornell Cook

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Sister Fannie Terry for the loss of her brother,

Brother MC Rayford

and her uncle, Brother Herman Beasley Jr.

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Sister Rosa Brown for the loss of her nephew,

Brother Irvin Harrison

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Sister Voncile Brown Miller for the loss of her brother,

Brother Rex Brown

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Sister Doris Stanley & Sister Deborah Hayes for the loss of their mother,  
Sister Ruby Johnson

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Brother Bennett & Sister Jessica Hicks for the loss of her sister,

Sister Doris Davis Holeman

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Deacon Walter & Sister Connie Presley for the loss of his cousin,

Sister Marie Ganaway

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Sister Kathy Sutton for the loss of her son,

Brother Eugene Daves

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Brother Bill Jones for the loss of his mother,

Sister Carolyn Abaslom

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Sister Glenna Wilkerson for the loss of her uncle,

Brother Julian Wilkerson

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Brother Jamile Olinger for the loss of his father & Sister Patricia Lewis  
for the loss of her brother, Brother Amon McGhee, Sr.

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Sister Cynthia Carter for the loss of her cousin,

Sister Essie Benton

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Brother Aaron Russell for the loss of his mother,

Sister Naomie Pugh

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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 (6:00 pm-7:15 pm)

