

Celebrating the Conclusion of Our Centennial Year ~ November 14, 2021

Celebrating and Continuing in His Abounding Grace

*"It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not.
They are new every morning; great is Thy faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, saith my soul;
therefore will I hope in Him." (Lamentations 3:22-24)*



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"Now without faith it is impossible to please God, for the one who draws near to Him must believe that He exists and rewards those who seek Him." - Hebrews 11:6, HCSB

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One Hundred Plus One!

Indeed God has been good to Tabernacle. Today we celebrate one hundred and one years of God's faithfulness shown towards us. From the very beginning of the idea of a church birthed in the minds of a few individuals from Cordele, Georgia, God has been with Tabernacle. These individuals migrated from Georgia to Michigan and made their home in Detroit. They migrated as a connected group, and they wanted to worship as a connected group. God was with them, and Tabernacle was born. Our presence here one hundred and one years later is unimpeachable evidence of the faithfulness of God.

God has been faithful through all the ups and downs of ministry. God sent and birthed great servants of the kingdom to enable his ministry to last. God sent powerful pastors to nurture Tabernacle into being a church that has made a kingdom's difference in the city of Detroit, the state of Michigan, the nation, and beyond.

God enabled souls to be birthed, the hungry to be fed, the homeless sheltered, the naked clothed, and the helpless defended all through the ministry of Tabernacle. God brought forth powerful preachers, erudite educators, able attorneys, successful entrepreneurs, outstanding physicians, compassionate social scientists, influential politicians, strong families, and people who have and are making a kingdom difference in all walks of life through our church.

Even in the pandemic, God has and is using Tabernacle to make the love of Jesus known through ministry.

So, I thank God for one hundred and one years of His unquestionable faithfulness to Tabernacle. Thomas Chisholm is correct as he poetically captures Lamentations 3:22-23 in his beloved hymn: Great Is Thy Faithfulness.

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father.
There is no shadow of turning with thee.*

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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

October 3
SHOUT IT OUT
Psalm 100, KJV

October 17
**DO YOU HAVE A
CHILDLIKE FAITH**
Mark 10:13-16, ESV

October 31
STAY ON YOUR FEET
Daniel 3:13-18, NLT

October 10
**WHAT'S FAITH GOT TO
DO WITH IT?**
Luke 17:1-6, ESV

October 24
**WHEN DOUBT
CREEPS IN**
Mark 9:17-24, ESV

(all sermons by Pastor Johnson unless otherwise noted)

Post Pandemic Evangelism

After the pandemic is over, will there be a new surge of people hungry for the answers only Christianity can provide? Only the Lord knows. But surely church leaders must start planning now on how to make the most of this moment, to help church members use newly-found points of connection online to keep sharing the Gospel and inviting others to experience the community of faith.

Many of the principles and methods of evangelism from the twentieth century no longer work effectively today. We need new methods to communicate the timeless message of the Gospel in culturally relevant ways.

The new ways will need to incorporate the following:

- Social Media and Digital interactions
- Evangelism as a lifestyle, not a one-time activity
- Adapt to sharing the Gospel in the face of postmodernism effectively
- Relationships and Hospitality the space in which Gospel conversations can happen in a friendly and safe environment
- Plenty of Prayer

Can we multiply and make disciples in quarantine? Yes. But that won't happen if only pastors and leadership are responsible for evangelism and discipleship. The Great Commission is for the church, not just church leaders. This pandemic can be a clarifying process to help us re-envision and re-launch new ways of getting the Gospel out, both now and after the crisis is over.

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Writer's Ministry Lesson - Praying That Tabernacle Will Be the Kind of Church Christ Will Be Pleased With Now and Upon His Return

"So that He might present the church to Himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish" (Ephesians 5:27).

Ephesians 5:27 is from Paul's discourse regarding the relationship of husbands and wives paralleling the relationship between Christ and the church. Christ "gave up His life for [the church] to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's Word" (Ephesians 5:26). Scripture relates that the Word and God contributes to the process of being born again (John 1:13; 1 Peter 1:23).

"But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God" (John 1:12-13).

"Since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God" (1 Peter 1:23).

The aim is to present the church to Himself as His beloved - as His bride. He has pledged and poured out His very life to embrace and abide with the church, (i.e., all faithful believers), forever.

Notice that it is Christ who is doing the work and sacrifice to transform His beloved bride and make her ready. The result is a complete, gloriously radiant, beautifully adorned, holy, sanctified and perfect church.

If we honestly look at things and think them over carefully, I think we can conclude that He is definitely not finished with the church yet. She is by no means ready for the wedding! But she will be someday, for it says in Philippians 1:6 (English Standard Version): *"And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."*

Our prayers need to be for our sanctification, for our perfecting, for our being brought to completion so that we truly emulate His glorious possession - His pride and joy. Again, this is His work, not ours. Our responsibility is to obey His Word and remain answerable to Him.

However, we need to look in the mirror and see what is disheveled, what is smudged, what is out of place. How is the church's spiritual hygiene right now?

Discord, lack of love, division, apathy, timidity, unfamiliarity with the truth, immaturity, etc., need to be called out for what they are. We have to agree that we need a bath, a makeover and a better fragrance. We are betrothed to Christ, who is the "**Great Physician**." But right now, we need the Holy Ghost to be our "**Great Beautician**."

"He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit" (Titus 3:5).

After all, our wedding day - our day - is soon to arrive. We cannot appear as a hot mess to our Beloved Groom and all the wedding guests.

Let the makeover begin....

Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His Bride has made herself ready;

"It was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb'" (Revelation 19:7-9a, ESV).

Prayer:

Dear heavenly Father, we know that You are going to give us away to Christ, our Royal Groom, soon and very soon. Christ has spared no expense for our makeover and has paid the bride price many times over. He has made provision for our immaculate adornment. So please allow the Holy Spirit to cleanse us by Your Word that we may be pleasing and desirable in Christ's sight on the day we see Him - on the day He comes for us.

It is in the Name of our Anointed Groom - Jesus - that we pray. Amen!

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*Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.*

*Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]*

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

*Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.*

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Soli Deo Gloria

Nathan Johnson, D.D., Senior Pastor





Welcome Home

A Place to Belong - Not Just Attend

Transition Committee Communication

Greetings Tabernacle Family,

We have been blessed by God during this virtual journey and we want to thank you for your ongoing patience and support. As we continue to move closer to the kickoff of the phased re-entry plan for corporate (in-person) Sunday Worship, we stand anxious to receive what God has planned for Tabernacle.

We continue to seek God's guidance as we prepare to welcome you into the safest environment possible for our Sunday Worship experience. During this last year in this COVID-19 environment, we have learned how imperative it is that our edifice be in optimally safe condition, in order to minimize any adverse health impact. Determined to "Let all things be done decently and in order" (1 Corinthians 14:40), ministries are working aggressively toward that goal.

TMBC FAQ'S FOR CONGREGATIONAL COMMUNICATION

Communications:

Reentry Notices/Information will be shared with the congregation through the Clerk's office in the following manner:

- Church Newsletter, Announcements, Website, Mail, and Email
- Pastoral Emphasis Sheet

In addition, Deacon's group communication will include:

- Wellness Checks via phone calls
- Emails to group members
- Group meetings

Required Reentry Task Remediations:

- Sanctuary Air Circulation – HVAC
- Media Readiness - Camera/Projector Upgrades
- Facility Sanitizing (Ongoing) – Custodian Resource Constraint

Once the Doors Open:

- All persons entering the facility must be fully vaccinated.
- Registration to participate in, in-person worship will be available online and via the clerk's office phone message system.
- The CDC's social distancing/capacity rules will be followed for entry and seating (i.e., families

living together can be seated together)

- Worship will be limited to the main floor sanctuary.
- Congregants will be directed to seating by the Ushers ministry.
- Signage and stanchions will be posted throughout the facility:
 - To clearly identify closed off areas and
 - To encourage use of mask/sanitizer/gloves, etc.
- Sanitizer and masks will be available throughout the facility
- Covid screening, including temperature checks, will be conducted at entry point(s) by Health Ministry volunteers.
- We will use the parking lot entrance to limit movement throughout the facility.
- Common gathering areas will be closed, to lower the chance of spreading illness between people, for the protection of the congregation.
- We will continue to livestream Sunday service via social media and the phone service.
 - Facebook
 - YouTube
 - Free Conference Call
 - Zoom (all Bible Studies and other meetings)

As the Transition Team, we ask for your prayers as we pivot towards Tabernacle's "New Normal." Looking forward to providing additional updates, as **required reentry task are remediated**.

Transition to Reopening Planning Team

Deacon Ministry - Executive Team
Trustee Ministry – Executive Team
Christian Education Ministry

Health Ministry
Logistics Team
Media Ministry

Nurses' Ministry
Sunday Church School Ministry
Worship Arts Ministry

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THE GREAT MIGRATION

Without question, the origins of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church can be traced to the Great Migration. African Americans from the South made the trek North to settle in cities such as Cleveland, Ohio, Chicago, Illinois, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Detroit, Michigan. Detroit offered numerous factory jobs, and Henry Ford was paying some of the highest wages around. Migrants found work and began the process of settling in and establishing communities. Among Detroit's migrants were a group of families from Cordele, Georgia. Like most migrants, these southern transplants maintained their ties to their Georgia home. Not forgetting their spiritual roots, the Cordele migrants came together in 1920 to bring to fruition a church home that reminded them of their home church in Cordele. Out of that initial meeting, Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church was born.

In 1910 it is reported that 7 million out of 8 million African Americans lived in the South. Between 1916 and 1918, over 400,000 African Americans made the "Exodus" North. Historians point to several factors that led to the Great Migration. During the late 1890's, the South's cash crop, cotton was devastated by the boll weevil infestation which severely impacted Black farm workers. Many of these workers relocated in and around southern urban areas in search of employment. Another factor was World War I. Because of the war, European immigration ground to a halt, leading to a major labor shortage for Northern industries. Because of this, factories began to look to the South and to Black workers. Factory



agents went on "recruiting trips", offering potential workers (primarily male) travel vouchers North with promises of employment at wages unheard of in the South. However, social conditions were paramount in the move from the South to the North. The South was rife with racist domestic terrorism following the end of Reconstruction along with the legal and extra-legal policies designed to severely restrict Black life (the sharecropping system, the convict lease system, Jim Crow laws, lynchings, physical and sexual assaults, property confiscation, etc.).

In an exercise of revolt, Black families and individuals began to take the trek North. Oft times, an individual would go North, establish him/herself, then send for others. As this trickle of migration turned into a flood, the movement was spurred on by Black publications such as The Chicago Defender, which advertised job information, touted better living conditions in the North, addressed social injustice, and provided information pertinent to Black readers. Family members writing letters about their own experiences also spurred others on. Southern White officials, business people, and law enforcement officers would literally pull Black people off of the trains if they got word of individuals leaving. They would also tear up train tickets and tried to confiscate copies of The Chicago Defender. Black train porters began to smuggle the paper into Black communities along their routes in order to keep the communities informed.

Migrants rode trains, cars, and even horse drawn wagons in order to come North. Some engaged in what was known as "Step Migration," in which an individual made several stops on the way in order to work, stay with family, etc. as they continued towards their final destination (Chicago, Pittsburgh, Detroit, Cleveland, etc.). The North promised employment at wages southern employers would not/could not match. Educational opportunities were better, with the promise of a brighter future for the children. Those who came North were aided by extended family and friends. Black churches and social welfare organizations provided much needed assistance for newcomers in the form of job referrals, housing information, and material support. For the first time, migrants were able to exercise their right to vote.



As we all know, the North was not a Utopia. Housing and job discrimination was rampant. Black workers were assigned the dirtiest and most hazardous jobs with little chance of advancement, and many were under employed, given their skill levels. Blacks were forced into substandard housing in the least desirable areas, and were subject to de facto segregation and redlining. Police brutality was a regular occurrence, and the Black community had to be ready to defend its members against attacks perpetrated by white citizens.....

The Second Wave

America's Great Depression significantly slowed Northern

THE GREAT MIGRATION (CONTINUED)

migration as the entire nation suffered economically. Conditions in the South led to even fewer opportunities for African Americans to work in agriculture. The South saw a major collapse in the crop prices of sugar, tobacco, and cotton. The federal government created a program to subsidize white landowners by purchasing surplus crops and paying landowners to take farmlands out of production. With these lucrative subsidies, landowners were supposed to assist “laid off” farm workers (African American sharecroppers, tenant farmers) financially. Instead, landowners kept the money and began to invest in mechanized farm equipment, thus pushing more and more Black farmers out of work. The South continued to be a place of racist oppression, terrorism, limited educational opportunities, discrimination and legalized segregation.

The second migration wave was spurred on by the onset of World War II. The second World War saw the United States engage in a massive industrialization effort. The production of goods and services necessary for the war effort increased exponentially in the North and the West as munitions, vehicles, ships, planes, food, clothing etc. were needed. This massive undertaking required a massive workforce. African Americans from Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Arkansas headed for the shipyards, where ships and other naval materials were produced. The aircraft industry also took off. Southern migrants were able to establish a new life on the coast. Many Black women found viable employment in the military industry, no longer being relegated to domestic work. Of course, Northern factories also saw a massive need for workers. Though Southern plants were involved in the war production, those plants continued to block Black workers from skilled positions and general employment opportunities. In the North and the West, Black workers were able to access skilled positions (to some degree).

Whether in the North or the West, African Americans continued to contend with a racist society. African Americans had to fight housing discrimination, employment discrimination, police brutality, and an unjust legal system. From the 40's through the 70's race riots dotted the urban landscape. African Americans fought back, utilizing the courts, economic boycotts, establishing businesses and social support systems, and pushed to gain political power and influence. The Great Migration fundamentally changed the American landscape. It led to an urbanized Black populace across the country, and has left a continual significant cultural, economic, political and religious influence on these United States.

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Beatification Ministry

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Claiming Our Jerusalem

Camp Tab & Camp Tab Jr.

Caregivers Ministry

Celebration Players

Celestial Youth Choir

Cherub Children's Choir

Child Development Center

Children's Ministry

Choraleer Choir

Christian Education Ministry

Claiming Our Jerusalem

Clothing Den

Collegiates for Christ

Comfort & Care Ministry

Compassionate Choir

Computer Outreach Ministry (Tab.com)

Contemporary Christian Chorale

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1971-2001

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Rev. Fulton O. Bradley

1962-1970

Rev. Dr. Jesse Jai McNeil

1947-1961

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Rev. Robert H. Pittman

1926-1946

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Rev. Major James Morris

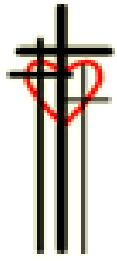
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Ministry Through the Years

Creative Caring Circle
Credit Union
Culinary Arts Ministry
Dawn Seeker's Bible Study
Deacon Ministry
Deacon's Groups
Deaconess Ministry
Deaf Ministry
Door Monitor Ministry
Drama Ministry
Duplication/Tape Ministry
Endowment Ministry
Evangelism Ministry
Faith and Knowledge
Family Life Ministry
Family Spirituality Ministry -
Doing Family God's Way
Faith, Hope, & Love Optimist Club
Garden, Grounds, & Facility Ministry
Girl Scouts
Gospel Hands Ministry
Gospel Time Ministry
Health and Human Concerns Ministry
Health Ministry
Helping Operations for People
Empowerment (H.O.P.E.)
Hospitality Ministry
Intercessory Prayer
Liturgical Dance Ministry
Male Choir
High Priority Marriage Ministry
Marr-O-Not Fellowship
Master's Hand Volunteerism Ministry
Media Ministry
Men & Boy's Ministry

Missionary Ministry
New Members Ministry
Nurses Ministry
Praise Team Ministry
Prayers Partners
Prison and Jail Ministry
Puppet Ministry
Rights of Passage Ministry
Say Y.E.S. Ministry
Scholarship Ministry
Security Ministry (Architects of Peace)
Senior Companions Ministry
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Trustee Ministry
Twenty-Somethings Ministry
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Women & Girls' Ministry
Worship Arts Ministry
Writer's Ministry
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Youth Ministry

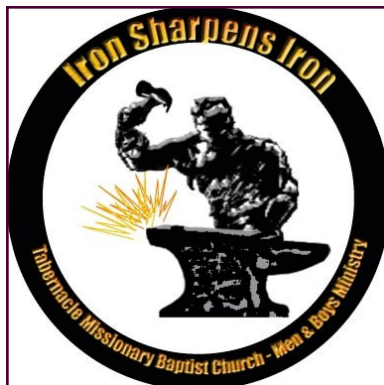
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Elmore, Robert	Knowles, Willa	Shannon, Robert	

Being the Church in a Post-Pandemic World

2021 Christian Education Week

REALITY CHECK

Life will never be the same. The world, and therefore our lives, have changed forever. There is no going back. Our New reality is yet to be determined. The effects will take some time to settle in. Adjustments will continue to have a ripple effect for years to come.

LIMINAL TIME

Liminality refers to a quality of ambiguity or disorientation that occurs during transition. It describes a time when a person or group of people is in between something that has ended and something else that is not yet ready to begin.

ADAPTING VS INNOVATING

Adapting is taking something you already have, or is already known, and making it suitable for a new use or new conditions. Innovation, on the other hand, is introducing brand new methods, ideas or products.

INTERRUPTION OR DISRUPTION

When the church sees the pandemic as a disruption, the leaders embrace the opportunity of knowing going back is no longer an option. A disruption allows a church the opportunity to be awakened to the need to change at a much deeper level.

PRESENTING OPPORTUNITY

Opportunity is born out of crisis. Crisis is an accelerator. The church has been catapulted into the digital age.

BOTTOM LINE

As we emerge post-pandemic, the role of a church and its leaders is changing. Granted, it was already changing pre-pandemic, but the speed of change has increased drastically post-pandemic.

A RECAP: HIGHLIGHTS FROM MEMBERS OF TABERNACLE SESSION ONE OF FOUR

We taught people how to have church. We have allowed people to use the church. We've not taught them how to BE the church. In this post-pandemic world it is important that we remember that we are the church where we are, in our homes, in our families, in our community. We may be physically scattered but we are still connected as one. "Looking forward to going back" is an oxymoron. As the Church, our mission and message are the same. They do not change. We must get our minds ready for reorientation. We must be ready for what God has to come, knowing life and church will never be the same. God is calling us to recalibrate our methods. Our new reality is yet to be determined. Our only assurance is in God.

The time between one season ending (pre-Covid) and a new season beginning (post-Covid) is referred to as a liminal time. In Susan Beaumont's book "How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going," liminality refers to a quality of ambiguity or disorientation that occurs during transition. As the Church we can be hopeful about an uncertain future. As we travel in liminality we must not yearn for the days of the past for what felt normal and comfortable. God is leading us on an adventure from one good degree of grace to another (new spiritual challenges and opportunities). The period in which change occurs is often a vulnerable state, yet it is necessary due to growth. It will be different. It has to be different for the church to fulfill God's assignment.

As a church we are being called to recalibrate in our thinking about our methods. This recalibration must be done by the Word of God. We must be flexible to look for brand new ways to fulfill the mission the Lord has given us. We must adapt to new strategy. Adapting is often complex. It is long-term and a comfort zone change. We must adapt and innovate. We must be innovative to seize the opportunities available to us. Innovating allows new methods in new circumstances. As we move outside of our comfort zone of "knowing," "doing," and "being" we must add the cost required to adapt to the new ahead of us.

Admittedly, the pandemic has created challenges and opportunities. We can choose to view this as an interruption or as a disruption. An interruption can be seen as a delay (as in after the pandemic, resume business as usual) that will continue at a later date. A disruption is a major disturbance which interrupts some event or process. It's a break in action. It is important to note God was never on pause. Ministry never stopped. The COVID pandemic is not an interruption. It is not a delay where programming will resume as usual once over. It is a complete disruption allowing the church the opportunity to be awakened to the need to change at a much deeper level. The disruption of the pandemic can be viewed as God leading us on an adventure with unseen possibilities. God wants the church to be vital, healthy, and growing in a post-pandemic world. Keep in mind "healthy" may not look like what we previously understood as healthy.

The old barometer gauging the health of the church was buildings, budgets, and bodies. The newborn barometer for a healthy church will be engaging in such things as discipleship, worship, evangelism, and service. There is a difference between a crowd and a congregation. This will be a major change for the church to

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measure herself by the standard of engagement, discipleship, and growth. Crisis has been an accelerator in this shift. We have to be careful not to spend time looking back for pacifiers. We cannot pacify ourselves with the things God has weaned us off of during the pandemic. Our “now normal” must be our acceptance that God is with us and is guiding us where He is leading us.

The pandemic has caused the church to realize that she could change, and she was forced to change quickly. We must be dedicated to change knowing that God will cause us to do what He’s called us to do. As we give up our ownership of the church and give her back to God, He will show up in new and different ways. We will shed methods, programs, activities that no longer serve the church. We will understand that being the church goes beyond the building. Pastor cautioned us all not to suffer from a Thomas Syndrome. Be in study so you can hear and experience first hand the methods God is using in this season. Remember it is God’s plan and He will unfold it and guide through it in His time.

***For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you
and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future (Jeremiah 29:11)***

*Note look forward to the December 2021 Newsletter for more highlights from Christian Education Week at
Tabernacle. Contributors: Dea. Toby Gallant, Sis. Audrey McGresham, Bro. Eric Samuels, and Sis. Leanelle Simmons.*

***“Growth comes when adaptation
leads to innovation.***

***Looking at the long term
means looking down the field”***

-E. Haley

***“God continues to
clarify our identity”***

-V. Winters

***“A disruption from God
(or that God allows) is an
opportunity to deepen
our TRUST in God.***

It is God holding a mirror to our faith.”

-S. Denice

***“Innovation cannot
be effectively acted upon without
open mindedness to adapting”***

-W. McLean

TABERNACLE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Church Family Conference

November 20, 2021 | 11:00 am | Zoom Only



**Members of Church are Encouraged to
Join this Private Conference**

Zoom Meeting ID: 875 3496 0178

Zoom Passcode: 153855

Dial In: (312) 626-6790

*****Membership at Tabernacle is Required for Participation*****



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Protect yourself
when you're online!

Social Media Security Tips

As we approach the holiday season, hackers and people who do harm through social media is on the rise. Here are several things to watch for:



EMAIL

- Always check the subject line. There should be some comment in the subject line.
- Even if it looks like it's coming from someone you know, watch how they address you.
- Check the "From" email carefully.
- **When in doubt, DELETE. Do not click any links.**



TEXT

- If you don't know or are not sure who it's from, don't open - **DELETE.**



FINALLY

- Watch out for messages about packages you did not order.
- Microsoft does not send unsolicited messages.
- Do not accept phone calls and/or messages saying, "[they] notice something on your computer" and "they can help you."
- The IRS nor banks will not send you messages via text or phone.
- Beware of any one who will call or text requesting your social security number - **DO NOT SHARE.**

Have a safe and blessed holiday season!

Deacon Bob Clarke

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Precious Memories Celebration of Life Service



Saturday, December 4, 2021
12:00 noon

Zoom Meeting ID: 860 8490 3401
Zoom Meeting Passcode: 400214
Zoom Dial In: (312) 626-6799

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Acts 2:42 - "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship."

Music

You are Cordially Invited to the

2021 Joy of Christmas Virtual Fellowship

Fellowship

Comedy



Celebration



December 4, 2021 | 4PM EST

Zoom Meeting Id: 842 2567 8942

Zoom Passcode: 170426

Dial In: (312) 626-6799

Deacon Group 29



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In Jesus Only You're Able

Join Zoom Meeting
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★ TMBC SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL ★

Children & Youth ★ Christmas Program ★ VIRTUAL CELEBRATION

★ TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021 ★
AT 6:30PM

ZOOM MEETING ID: 868 9307 9500

ZOOM PASSWORD: 507607

ZOOM DIAL IN: (312) 626-6799 ★



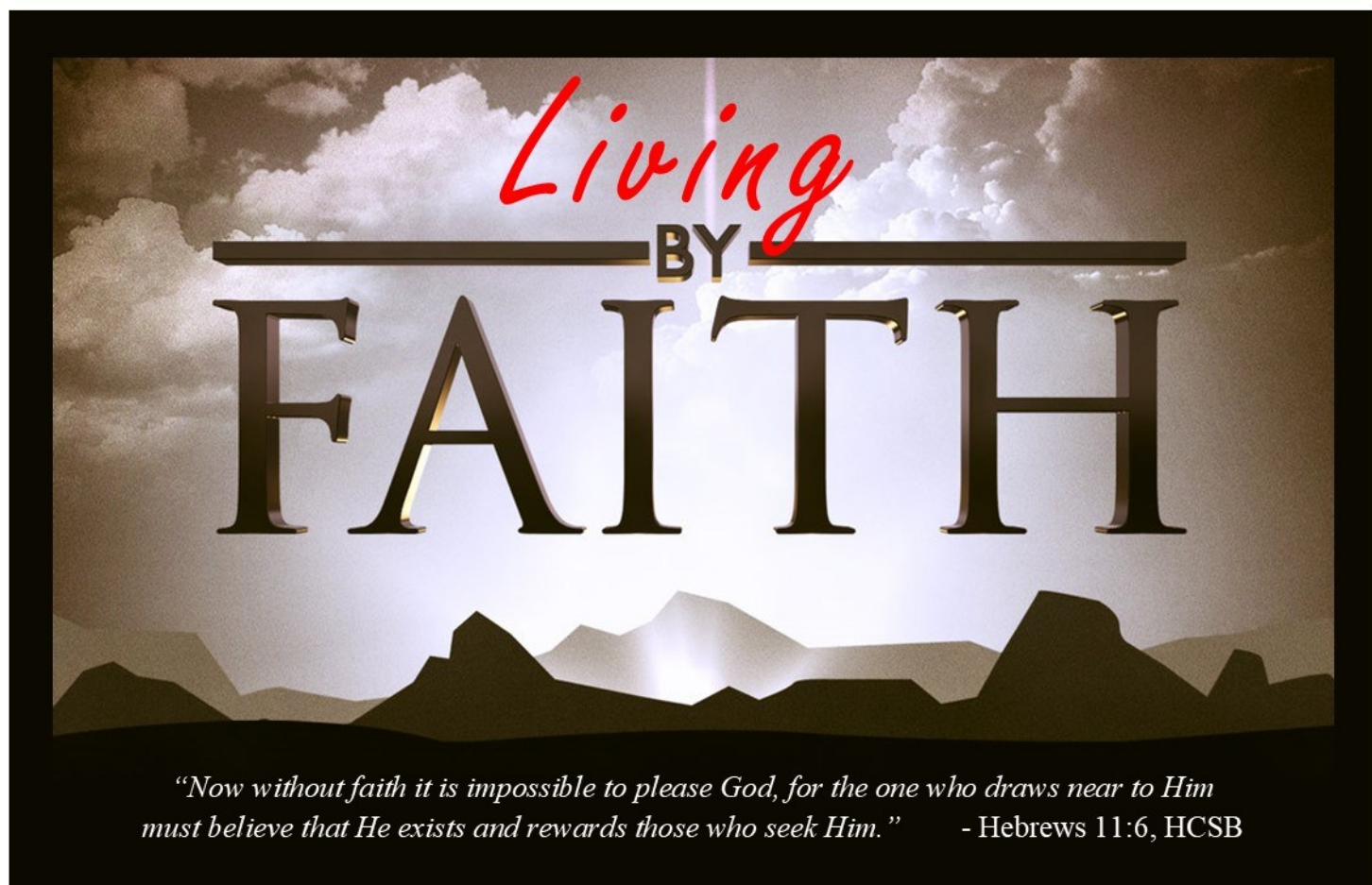
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“COME HOME TO FAMILY”

Join Us in Virtual Worship!



Sundays - 9:30am

Teaching Ministry Discusses the
Sunday Church School Lesson

Zoom: 944 011 791 | YouTube | Facebook
Conference Call: (351) 999-3940

Sundays - 11:00am

Sunday Morning
Worship

YouTube | Facebook
Conference Call: (351) 999-3940



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 really "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

Zoom Direct Call: (312) 626-6799 | Conference Call: (351) 999-3940

Sundays - 9:30-10:15am -

Teaching Ministry of Tabernacle Discussion of the Sunday Church School Lesson
Zoom Meeting ID: 944 011 791 YouTube, Facebook

Sundays - 11:00am -

Worship Celebration
Access via: YouTube, Facebook,

Wednesdays - 12:00noon -

Bible Study with Rev. Debra Carter
Zoom Meeting: 129 795 525, YouTube, Facebook

Wednesdays - 6:00-7:30pm -

Church in Prayer & Study with Pastor Johnson
Zoom Meeting: 584 878 336

Weekly Sunday School Lessons

Fall Quarter 2021—Unit III: Visions of Praise

November 7, 2021-The Rest of the Story
Revelation 7:9-17

November 14, 2021-Praise for God's Eternal Reign
Revelation 11:15-19

November 21, 2021-Rejoicing in Heaven
Revelation 19:1-8

November 28, 2021-Good News for All
Acts 10:34-47

Stay Connected | Virtual Ministry Meetings

Group 1 - Dea. Jerry Moses
4th Fridays - 8:00pm

Group 6/23 - Sis. Dorothy Pugh
4th Sundays - 3:00pm

Group 10/21 - Deaconess Ann Pearson
3rd Sundays - 5:00pm

Group 18 - Dea. James S. Sarter
1st & 3rd Sundays - 4:00pm

Group 24 - Sis. Cynthia Harrington
Fridays - 7:00pm

Group 29 - Sis. Anita Friday
3rd Sundays - 1:30pm

Evangelism Ministry - Rev. Miller Adams
3rd Tuesdays - 7:00pm

Marr-O-Nots - Bro. Donald Hudson
3rd Sundays - 6:00pm

Usher Ministry - Sis. Charlotte Kennedy
2nd Saturdays - 1:00pm

For access details contact the ministry leader listed or call the Church office at 313-898-3325.

The Endowment Committee invites you to visit the Endowment Committee page on the Church's website for more information on ways you can participate.

<https://tmbcdetroit.org/giving/endowment-fund>

If you would like your Birthday or Anniversary listed in our monthly newsletter be sure to call 313-898-3325 no later than the 15th of the month prior to your requested listing.

Your Church Family celebrates with you!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Adoria Smith - 11/1
Jennifer Stallings - 11/2
Rose Marie Stein - 11/4
Juanelle Lopes - 11/6
Sharon Ratliff - 11/7
Barbara McDowell Romero - 11/8
Rosemary Edwards - 11/9
Earnestine Peete - 11/11
Gwendolyn Scott - 11/11
Lorraine Bell - 11/12
Darnetta Banks - 11/13
Vanessa Jackson - 11/15

Laverne Porter - 11/22
Rev. Willie Hawk - 11/23
James C. Edwards - 11/24
Jerry Tait - 11/24
Maria Baker - 11/26
Elender Carrington - 11/28
Dilsie Hawk - 11/29

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Louis & Eliane Wilmore - 11/8



Sick and Shut-In

ARNOLD, Sis. Nancy
BELL, Sis. Bessie
BERYL-BANKS,
 Sis. Cynthia
HAWKES, Bro. Earnest
HERRING, Sis. Bessie
HICKS, Sis. Mary
HINES, Sis. Bernadine
HOUSE Jr., Bro. Howard
HUNTER, Bro. James
JACKSON, Sis. Lola
LINEBARGER,
 Deaconess Nazell
LYNCH, Sis. Willie B.
MARTIN, Disciple Joan
MEBANE, Rev. Dr. William
NASH, Sis. Sara
ODOM, Bro. Dan
RANDOLPH, Bro. Thelise
RANKIN, Rev. Jerry
SMITH, Sis. Chanel
TYLER, Bro. Eddie
WALLICK, Sis. Pauline
WATSON, Sis. Irma
WELLS, Bro. Albert &
 Sis. Betty
WILMORE, Bro. Louis

Condolences

Sister Kathleen McKenzie for the loss of her Aunt & Uncle
 Brother Joseph & Sister Margaret Ayler
    ~~~  
Brother Stanley Wright for the loss of his Mother and  
    Sister Ina Amos for the loss of her Sister  
    Sister Jacqueline Snodgrass  
    ~~~  
Sister Cleatrice Tatum for the loss of her Husband
 Brother James Tatum Sr.
    ~~~  
Brother Lionel Jenkins for the loss of his Mother,  
    Sister Zenobia Elaine Jenkins  
    ~~~  
Sister Karen Boykins for the loss of her Mother
 Sister Alberta Thompson
    ~~~  
Brother Benjamin Hodge for the loss of his God Sister  
    Sister Sharon May  
    ~~~  
Brother Kenneth Gil for the loss of his Sister
 Ms. Sharon Wiggins
    ~~~  
Sister Danielle Hawk for the loss of her God Son  
    Brother Chandler Gibson  
    ~~~  
Trustee James & Sister Theresa Wahls for the loss of his Mother
 Sister Mary P. Morton
    ~~~  
Sister Pamela Calloway for the loss her Sister-in-law  
    Sister Annie L. Chestnut  
    ~~~  
Deaconess Jacqueline Birotte for the loss of her Friend
 Sister Brenda Cameron
    ~~~  
Sister Louise Fresh for the loss of her Husband  
    Brother Donald Fresh  
    ~~~  
Sister Ev-Ann Pitts for the loss of her Cousin
 Brother Ronzo Johnson
    ~~~  
Sister Annette Peace for the loss of her Husband  
    Rev. Manuel Peace  
    ~~~  
Sister Louise Fresh for the loss of her Husband
 Brother Donald Fresh
    ~~~  
Dr. Walter McLean for the loss of his Sister  
    Sister Helen Johnson  
    ~~~  
Brother Bruce Hill and Brother Jeffrey Hill for the loss of their
 Stepmother, Sister Terusser Hill

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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 (6:00 pm-7:15 pm)

