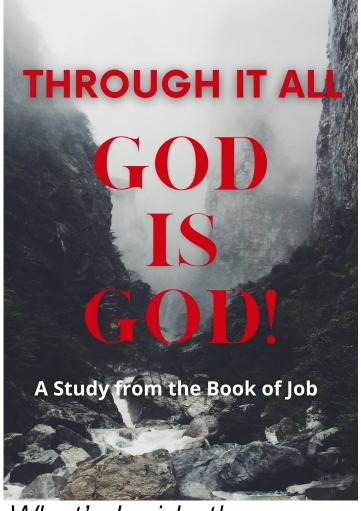
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Family: Do It God's Way!

I believe we all would agree that family is important. Family is the bedrock of all that happens in society. No matter who you are, you came from some family. No one can escape this reality. Of course families come in all shapes, sizes, idiosyncrasies, strengths, and dysfunctions. In spite of all these variations, we must remember that God created family. And, in order for families to function at their best, we must refer to the original operator's manual which is the Word of God.

Because the family is God's creation, it is under constant attack by the archenemy of God, the Devil himself. The Devil seeks to destroy all that is dear to God, and our families are dear to God. It seems that we have come to a place in society when we are more concerned about keeping our automobiles operating by the original specifications than we are about our families functioning according to God's original design. Could much of the dysfunctional plight of our families be due to the "after market" ideologies we have embraced for our families? I think that in many instances we have allowed the shade-tree philosophies of family to have their way with our families which have cause much of the painful dysfunction we see all around us.

We have become smarter, wiser than God (at least we behave as we are) when it comes to family life. We have locked the timeless truths of God's Word in a time-lock of old news, out of date, archaic thoughts and old-fashion ideas. Yet, we pray to Him for help with our families when we are molested by the agonizing outcomes of doing things our way. We see these agonizing outcomes all around us:

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Sermon Topics

January 2
FROM NOW ON!

Ephesians 6:10, KJV

January 9 **DRESS FOR IT!**Ephesians 6:11, NKJV

January 16
TRUTH HOLDS
EVERYTHING IN PLACE
Ephesians 6:12-14, NLT

January 30
OLDS EVERY PIECE MATTERS
IN PLACE Ephesians 6:13-18, NLT

January 23
PREPARATION
REQUIRED

Joshua 3:1-6, NKJV

(all sermons by Pastor Johnson unless otherwise noted)

God's Divine Love

When we evangelize, we must emphasize the love of God from the beginning and sprinkle it into our message throughout. It will banish fear and increase confidence in living. As Paul has said: "...God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control" (2 Timothy 1:7). We evangelize by giving the Gospel: that Jesus died on the cross as our sin offering, was raised on the third day for our justification and now is seated at the right hand of God the Father, from whom we have the blessing of divine love and favor.

When Jesus preached the Kingdom of God, He described His Father as a loving provider that we should emulate. "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you so that you may be sons of your Father ... For He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust" (Matthew 5:44-46). Jesus pointed to nature, and how God provides for the birds of the air, how the Father feeds them; and the lilies of the field, and grass of the field, how they grow, and how the Father provides for them (Matthew 6:25-30). If God loves and provides for these things, how much more does He love us and provide good things for us? Our heavenly Father knows our needs and will supply them. Think about your own life and how to this day, God has provided. As the hymn writer wrote: "Just think of His goodness to you." That is always an effective topic for evangelism.

Some people may scoff when we say, "God is love." They may point out all the wickedness and injustices in the world—war, famine, lust, pestilence, pandemics, selfishness, and murderous cruelty. "How could a loving God allow such things to happen? We see nothing but contradiction to a loving God." It is true that since the first sins were committed in the Garden of Eden, man has committed untold, grievous sins and atrocities. When Cain murdered Abel, God did not take Cain's life. God allowed Cain and his murderous spirit to live, roam the earth, marry, and have children. God has said: "Vengeance is mine, I will repay..." (Heb 10:30). Vengeance for sin will be according to God's timetable.

When John wrote "God is love" (1 John 4:8), he was not describing a weak, helpless God who could not overcome the power of sin. He was describing a strong God whose love is characterized by justice, mercy, judgment, purity, and holiness. He loves us despite our failures. He is forbearing, patient, and always ready to forgive. God extends the invitation to come to Him through Jesus Christ. John says: "In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 4:9, 10).

Finally, when we evangelize, we must emphasize to others what Jesus said to Nicodemus: "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that all who believe in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). God is love! Love is of God and His love will never fade away.

Union with God

"God, who has called you into fellowship with his son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful" (1 Corinthians 1:9).

This month we will further explore the meaning of koinōnia, the Greek word in Scripture, which is commonly translated fellowship, sharing, partnership, and participation. First of all, we note in 1 Corinthians 1:9, that God has called us into fellowship with His Son. This fellowship with Jesus is freely accessible to believers. Last month, we learned that our perspective of fellowship or Koinonia is enlarged when we examine 1 John 1: 2-3. "That which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ" (1 John 1:2-3). This fellowship or Koinonia extends not only to one another, believers, but also to the Father and the Son. Apart from Jesus Christ who makes it possible for us to share a common spiritual life with Him and one another, no one can have fellowship, participation, or communion with the Father and the Son.

In both Acts 2:42 and 1 John 1:3, the New English Bible translates koinōnia as sharing a common life. On every first Sunday we observe the Lord's Supper, just as in Acts 2:42, when the Christians "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, the fellowship to the breaking of bread and prayer," it was not a social activity for them and neither is it for us. It is a relationship where we share together the very life of God and Jesus Christ through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. As we participate in communion with God, we are also in communion with one another on a close personal and spiritual level. Each first Sunday, we share from our possessions when we contribute to the benevolence fund. In addition, koinōnia can consist of sharing great truths with other believers what we have learned from Scriptures or when we share words of encouragement with others. At Tabernacle, we certainly want to participate in fellowship and sharing with our new members of the church. Our sharing should be from a pure heart. Christ Jesus willingly gave of Himself with nothing expected in return. With that in mind, how ought we to share with each other?

Through faith in Christ, we are saved and are in union with God, intimately and inseparably connected to Him (Romans 8:9, 1 Corinthians 12:13, Colossians 1:27, 1John 5:20, 1John 2:24, John 17:21, 1Corinthians 1:30, Ephesians 5:30). We are formed into a spiritually organic or living community (Jerry Bridges, True Community, p. 12). Now, we can begin to understand true community. We cannot have true community unless we practice true fellowship (Bridges, pgs. 15-16).

While our relationship in Christ describes us as believers in community, partnership describes us as a community of believers in action. Luke used a form of koinōnia to refer to the partnership of Peter with James and John in the fishing business (see Luke 5:10). At Tabernacle, when we join or partner with the Evangelism, Health, Missionaries, Autumn Fellowship, and Benevolence Ministries to "claim" and provide for our "Jerusalem," we are sharing and demonstrating active partnership, koinōnia, to save lost souls, to reclaim those who have slipped away, or to share with others.

We must be united to Christ by our saving faith before we can have fellowship with Him on a daily basis. By virtue of the acceptance of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, we already have (an objective) relationship with Him. As believers in Christ Jesus, we must make it our daily mission to spend time in active fellowship or koinōnia with God. This (subjective) experience may include practice of spiritual disciplines such as quiet time alone in His Word along with meditation and time spent listening for what God has to say to us through His Word. Both aspects of our faith—that is, the objective (our acceptance of Christ by faith as the basis of fellowship with believers) and the subjective (the consistent and active fellowship with God as we commune with Him in prayer, meditating on His Word, seeking His guidance, etc.) are significant to the life of the church. The richness, power and effectiveness of the church are nourished by both aspects. As we deepen our understanding of 'who' we are in Christ Jesus and maintain our active fellowship or koinonia with God, our community of faith, the church, its purpose and work are strengthened. Both aspects contribute to the transformation of the believer's life (individually, and corporately) and facilitates our maturity as Christians. Therefore, God's work for the church is effectively advanced. As we mature in our personal walk, deepen our fellowship with God, and hold in common our acceptance of Jesus Christ as the Lord of our lives, we become more effective in ministry and better able to carry out God's plan.

How wonderful it is for us as Christians to have the assurance of being united with Christ through faith. Therefore, we experience the very life of Christ living in us. We as believers are already partakers in the common life of Christ through spiritual fellowship with one another. However, we cannot have true fellowship with one another without first and foremost having fellowship with Christ. We must be intimately joined with Christ just as the branch is connected to the vine and the head is connected to the members of the body (John 15: 1-11). This is where you receive sustenance that enables us to experience or be partakers of the divine nature and virtue of the person of Jesus Christ (1Peter 1:4). This union with Christ allows us to participate and share in the very life of Him. As we continue to abide and depend on Him, then He will sustain us and give us strength for our Christian journey. Our sovereign God is faithful and He has called us into fellowship with His Son and we are sure of His grace for the past, present and future. We look forward to Christ's glorious appearance. Hallelujah!!

"What we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may also have fellowship with us, and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete" (1 John 1:3-4).

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wholesale violence, total loss of respect both for self and others, and a complete absence of any Godfearing moral compass. When we pray, we must remember that God will be true to Himself and answer according to His own self-revelation of His will for our families. This self-revelation of His will is the Word of God. Any hope of God helping us out of our dilemma is a return to His Word.

You and I must return to Doing Family God's Way! We must not allow ourselves to be seduced from the truth of God's Word by the ever-changing whims of a society diametrically opposed to God and all that is Godly. You and I must not allow ourselves to be confused by that which is made legal and think that it's legality makes it right when we know that it goes against that which is eternally moral. We must be about Doing Family God's Way. We must as husbands and wives love and respect each other according to the Word. As Fathers and Mothers, we must rear our children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. As children, we must honor our fathers and mothers for God says: this is right. As brothers and sisters, we must realize that we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers. As grandparents, uncles and aunts, we must be the gatekeepers of the extended family providing wisdom, guidance, and picking up the slack when necessary to protect the future of our families.

The best way to establish, to secure, and to love your family is to Do Family God's Way! No matter how strong the winds of public opinion and no matter how high the flood waters of bad legislation rise, build your families according to the Word of God! Jesus says it like this: "I will show you what it's like when someone comes to me, listens to my teaching, and then follows it. It is like a person building a house who digs deep and lays the foundation on solid rock. When the floodwaters rise and break against that house, it stands firm because it is well built. But anyone who hears and doesn't obey is like a person who builds a house without a foundation. When the floods sweep down against that house, it will collapse into a heap of ruins" (Luke 6:47–49, NLT).

Do yourself and your family a favor: Do It God's Way!

Shalom!

Pastor Nathan Johnson



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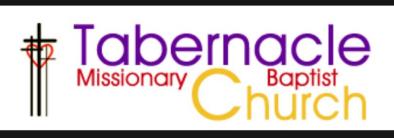
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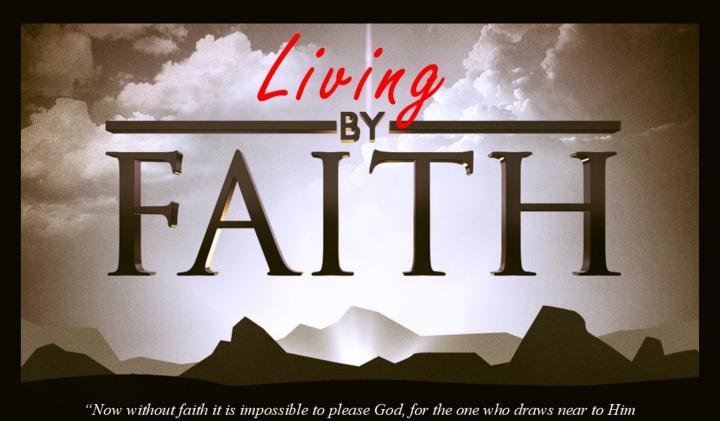
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"Now without faith it is impossible to please God, for the one who draws near to Him must believe that He exists and rewards those who seek Him." - Hebrews 11:6, HCSB

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

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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





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

Winter Quarter 2021 - Unit III: Justice and Adversity

February 6, 2022 - Nathan Condemns David 2 Samuel 12:1-9, 13-15

February 13, 2022 - Ezra Seeks God's Law Ezra 7:1-10, 23-26

February 20, 2022 - Bildad Misunderstands God's Justice

Job 8:1-10, 20-22

February 27, 2022 - Serving a Just God Job 42:1-6.10-17

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

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Pastor Nathan & Sister Michelle Johnson for the loss of his Uncle, Deacon Melvin Byrdlon

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Sister Marguriete Winn for the loss of her God-Niece, Sister Katherine Kemp

Sister Tommye Hinton Roberts for the loss of her Husband, **Brother Michael Roberts**

Dr. Nettie Walker Woods for the loss of her Nephew, **Brother Allan Bruce**

Ms. Camisha Owens for the loss of her Mother, Sister Cheryle Thompson

Trustee Shamika Coach for the loss of her Aunt, Ms. Dorthea Roy

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Sunday Church School		
New Member's Class		
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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)	
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