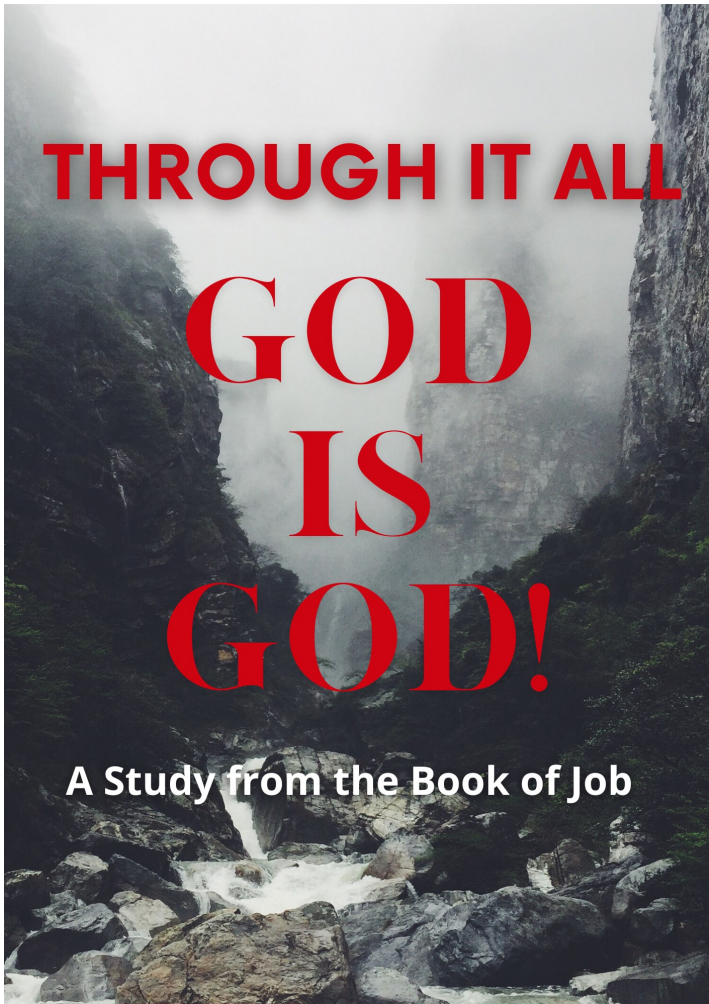


COME HOME TO FAMILY

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Loved By The One That Matters The Most

Everybody wants to be loved. Many people spend their whole life searching for love. Some people settle for strange relationships that don't satisfy this longing. Some people even try to make themselves into somebody that they are not in an attempt to have someone love them. They find themselves empty because whatever this is that they have found, it is far less than the kind of love they really need.

Does this kind of satisfying love really exist? Is there anyone who is capable of loving us like this? The answer is an indisputable, "Yes." The kind of love that completely satisfies is not often seen in the images presented by Hollywood. Too many times what we see in the theaters and on the television is nothing more than an exploitation of the strange aberrations we called love. These aberrations are based on the dysfunction of self-centeredness which is innate in humankind. The kind of love we need presents no prerequisites to meet. The truth is that we cannot do anything to meet any prerequisites, we need the kind of love that will accept us as we are. Also, the kind of love we need cannot come with strings attached, that is a payment book in order to pay off the love extended to us. The type of love we need is a type the world does not offer, this love is agape love, love that is unconditional.

Unconditional love is not an uninformed love. Unconditional love is the kind of love that is completely informed about its object. Often the love people have for us is uninformed, there are things

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Sermon Topics

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WHAT'S BEHIND THE TEST?

Job 1:6-12

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WHEN LIFE GOES FROM BAD TO WORSE, TRUST GOD!

Job 2:1-10, ESV

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WHAT REAL FRIENDS DO!

Job 2:11-13, ESV

(all sermons by Pastor Johnson unless otherwise noted)

Pray for Your Lost Friends adapted from EvangelismCoach

People should pray for the unsaved friends in their life, their community, nation, ethnic groups, and so on. Pray, asking the Lord

- To open their heart to the message of the Gospel,
- That their eyes would be open to the truth of the Gospel,
- That they would see their need for Jesus.
- That we would detect their spiritual thirst.

Which of your lost friends do you pray for?

"Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him" (1 Samuel 3:7)

- Who are you praying for to know the Lord?
- Who are you praying for God to reveal His word?

You may not know the spiritual condition of your friends and neighbors. But you can begin to pray for opportunities to start new friendships.

Seven ways to pray for your lost friends in Scripture

Sometimes you may find it helpful to have a list of items to pray through.

1. Ask God to make them spiritually thirsty (Isaiah 41:17-18).
2. Ask God to open their heart to receive (Acts 16:4).
3. Ask God to help you be salt and light at the right time (Colossians 4:6).
4. Ask God to give you conversational opportunity (Acts 8:26-40).
5. Ask God to help you discern if you're planting, watering, or harvesting (1 Corinthians 3:6-7).
6. Ask God that you're sensitive to His nudges to get involved (Acts 8:26-40).
7. Ask God to help that person take another step closer to Him (Psalm 23).

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You are called to be an Evangelist in your sphere of influence. Call someone this week. Connect with someone as you go about your day. Pray and pray some more for God to show you the opportunity and give you the courage to speak for Him. Celebrate the conversations and relationships built. The harvest is ready

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Seven Basics of Belonging: The Meaning of Church Membership

Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. He makes the whole body fit together perfectly.

As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love (Ephesians 4:15-16. NLT).

INTRODUCTION

If someone were to ask you why you joined the church you attend, what would your response be? Would you tell them you joined because your family has attended the church for years and you were expected to join as well? Would you say you joined because it's close to where you live? Perhaps you joined because you love the choirs' singing and the pastor's preaching. No matter what your reason was for joining your church, one thing is for certain: it didn't occur by happenstance. God is definitely up to something! He loves "community," and He wants you to be a part of one.

One way to be involved in God's community is by joining a local church where you can serve and where others can serve you. We are designed to live in communion with one another and serve the Lord together. In his book, "*7 Basics of Belonging: The Meaning of Church Membership*," author Sam Rainer notes that one of the reasons to join a church is simply because "You belong here! You are not here by accident. God has a plan for you and that plan includes being a faithful and active part of a local church" (Rainer, 2021, p.7). For the next several months, we will be studying just what it means to belong and serve God in tandem.

We will explore several aspects of church membership. The fact that the church is a visible representation of God makes it unlike any other organization on earth. In fact, it goes beyond the confines of an organization—it's a living organism! With most human organizations, one can pay or request membership, but your place in the body of Christ is a direct result of God's grace. God's commitment to each of us as His adopted sons and daughters is demonstrated by deliberately placing us in relationship with Himself and each other. He's begun a work within us and being a member of His body (the church) is part of the salvation process. With Christ as the head of the church (Ephesians 5:23, Ephesians 4:15), the church is called 'the body of Christ' (1Cor. 12:12-14, 27). The blueprint for the fellowship of the faithful flows directly from the heart of God and is directly linked to God's mission to seek and to save the lost. As Rainer (2021) states, "The church is not a destination point for crowds, but a vehicle designed by God to reach neighborhoods and nations" (p. 12).

The church provides an opportunity for us to be counter-cultural (Rainer, 2021, pgs. 10-11). In fact, the vision of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church is to become a totally biblical church creating a counter culture for Christ for the advancement of His Kingdom. Exactly, what is culture? Roughly, it is an integrated system of beliefs, traditions, ideas, philosophies, arts, and values of a society. Culture influences and shapes the way one thinks, behaves, relates to others, plays, or works. What culture believes about God, relationships, or being human may be different than what the Bible says. It takes resolve, discipline, faith, and commitment to live according to the Word of God versus the ways of the secular world. As a church family, we can encourage each other, support one another, and joyfully grow in these areas and more all to the glory of God.

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they don't know about us. And, when they discover the things they don't know, they choose not to love us any longer. The love that we need is a love that is extended to us in spite of knowing every little thing, every big thing, every good thing, and every bad thing about us. The love we need is the kind of love that loves us anyhow, no matter what. I hear the words of the composer John B. Mackay raising the question: *"Is there anyone can help us, one who understands our hearts, When the thorns of life have pierced them till they bleed; One who sympathizes with us, who in wondrous love imparts Just the very, very blessing that we need?"* Mr. Mackay quickly answers his query, he writes in the refrain: *"Yes, there's One, only One, The blessed, blessed Jesus, He's the One! When afflictions press the soul, When waves of trouble roll, And you need a friend to help you, He's the One."*

The Apostle Paul writes these words: *"When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners"* (Romans 5:6–8, NLT).

As we approach Resurrection Sunday, we should be reminded that we have been and we are being and will continue to be loved by the One that matters the most. If you really want to know what real love is, just take a long look at Calvary. It should be a comforting thing to know that God loves you. God loves us unconditionally and eternally. God has loved us openly. He did not hide His love for us. God put His unconditional love for us on display. He displayed His love for us while we were unable to do anything about our situation. Because of our rebellion against God, we were under a death penalty. God loved us so much that He would not have us spend eternity separated from Him. To be separated from God while we are physically alive is to experience spiritual death. But, to die without accepting God's gift of His love is to experience eternal death. Therefore, God sent Christ, His only begotten Son to die for us. In other words God sent His Son to die in our place. God did this to prove His love for us and in order that we might have real life and in order that we might spend eternity with Him. As we journey through this Lenten season, let us have our minds refreshed with this unchanging truth. You and I are "Loved by the One Who Matters the Most."

Shalom!

Pastor Nathan Johnson

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name :
 (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Date of Birth : _____ / _____ / _____ Gender : Male Female

Address : _____

Home Number : _____ E-Mail : _____

Cell Number : _____ Deacon's Group # : _____

Date Joined : _____ / _____ / _____ Envelope # : _____

Status : Single Married Divorced Other

Occupation : _____ Are You A Retiree ? : Yes No

Ministries Participating : _____

Family Members at Tabernacle and their Relationship : _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

Contact Name : _____ Home Number : _____

Relationship : _____ Mobile Number : _____

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Celebrating New Family Members!

Tabernacle Welcomes the following New Members
from March 2020 - March 2022

CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

Bro. Marshaun Bleweitt
Sis. Shirley Boykins
Bro. Joe Brown
Sis. Ruby Faye Calloway
Bro. Kareem Coleman
Sis. Joyce Driver
Sis. Ronda Kidd-Love
Sis. Ethel Matthews
Sis. Betty Miles
Sis. Gwendolyn Sims

RESTORATION

Rev. Anthony Caudle
Sis. Nina Caudle
Sis. Jeanette Flowers
Sis. Carmen Gray
Bro. Charles McElroy
Sis. Lorraine Thomas
Sis. Lori Watkins
Sis. Linda Watters
Sis. Tedra White

LETTER OF TRANSFER

Sis. Sona Thompson

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*Family let's welcome them as
we see them on Facebook
and YouTube!*

Tab Doing Family God's Way

Welcome HOME to FAMILY!

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To Mask or Not...

We are into year three of COVID-19. Many are tired and want this ordeal to end. After the Holiday surge, and Omicron variance as well as Delta raised havoc with our community and hospital systems. Then just as the numbers start to recede, the pressure to throw caution to the wind the take off the mask is real! **Please think before you react to these changes.** Let's see what we know.

We know that there are people who have pre-existing conditions are at higher risk of getting COVID- and its contagious variances. Some of the pre-existing conditions that are at higher risk include: Heart disease, Hypertension, Asthma, Diabetes, Compromised immune conditions, and most respiratory conditions of any kind including COPD and other lung conditions. **Individuals with these condition should continue to wear their mask indoor and maintain social distances.**

We know those who have had their vaccine and booster and have no pre-existing condition should with great care decide whether to remove their mask or not. Everyone should first take care of themselves. We have lost so many of our friends and relative and this virus is still among us. It is waiting to resurface when we let our guards down. We still need to keep distance and wash our hands and wear our masks. **The Health Ministry does not recommend removing masks entirely until the numbers go down and stay down for several months.** But it seems the choice is yours or the establishment of which you plan to frequent. As Michigan continues to trend down we are hopeful that we are on our way out of this crisis. Let us be patient and not rush the process.

The CDC recommends:

The federal government gave its blessing on Friday to making masks optional indoors for broad swaths of the nation, including for residents in 66 of Michigan's 83 counties. In a nod to waning COVID-19 infection across the nation, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Friday suggested that mask wearing should be optional in counties where COVID spread is low and hospitals are no longer strained by COVID patients. Under the CDC's new three-tiered risk system, which asks local officials to look beyond just new case numbers, most Michigan counties meet the "mask-optional" guidance.

In fact, about 70 percent of the U.S. population now can feel more comfortable about going mask less indoors, though the CDC makes clear that individuals have different levels of risk. The tiers are based on three factors: a community's case rates, new COVID-related hospital admissions, and the number of beds occupied by COVID patients. County risk levels can be found here at the CDC's homepage, as well as a more detailed list of recommendations, including the recommendation to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

Under the CDC's new advisory system:

- Residents in low-level counties should consider mask wearing based on "personal preference, informed by your personal level of risk."
- Residents in medium-level counties should talk to a health provider and consider masks indoors if they are immunocompromised or at high risk for severe illness. Anyone who lives with or has social contact with someone at high risk for severe illness, should consider testing and masking indoors.
- Residents in high level counties should wear a well-fitting mask in public indoors, including in K-12 schools and other community settings, regardless of vaccination status or individual risk.

The new guidance was not unexpected. Less than a month ago, as omicron continued to batter the country and Michigan, the CDC stepped up mask recommendations by asking people to wear N95s or any other high-quality mask they could wear comfortably and "consistently." But cases and hospitalizations have plummeted since then.

In Michigan, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer dialed back the state's mask recommendations just over a week ago, even as the final few county health departments that still had school mask mandates rescinded theirs.

Some of the mandates were lifted immediately; others — including Oakland and Washtenaw counties — were effective Feb. 28, meaning students would have returned to mask-optional classrooms, anyway, Monday.

But expect to see masks in plenty of places still in Michigan, at least in the immediate future. Michigan hospitals are likely to keep mask policies for visitors in place, for example. Spokespeople for some of the largest health systems — the newly merged Spectrum and Beaumont health systems, known as BSHS, Trinity Health Michigan, and Michigan Medicine — said patients and visitors still must be masked.

And a mask mandate remained in place Friday at Detroit Public Schools Community District, and will likely stay in place for some time, according to a statement by Superintendent Dr. Nikolai Vitti, noting once again "the city's lower vaccination rates and higher transmission rates." The guidance is unlikely to change everyday behavior for many in a state where residents have already decided to keep or ditch masks. The guidance makes clear that everyone's risk level may be different, especially for those who are immunocompromised or face high risk of severe COVID disease. This directions are not really that clear and it leaves the decision on individuals and institutions, really it is up to you. How much protection do you need?



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Holy ⁺Week SCHEDULE

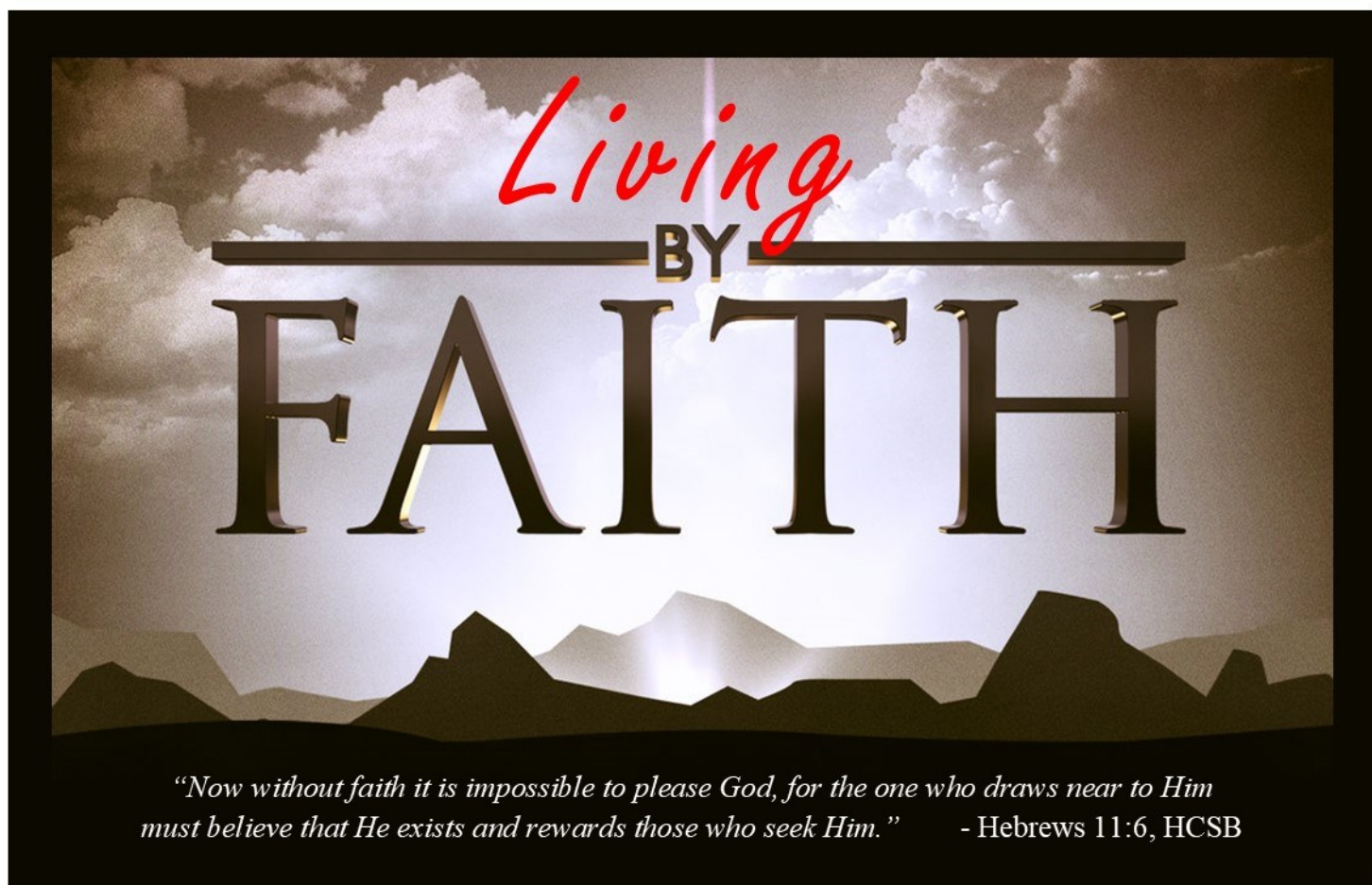
April 10 (Psalm Sunday)	11:00AM
April 14 (Maundy Thursday)	7:00PM
April 15 (Good Friday)	7:00PM
April 17 (Easter Sunday)	11:00AM

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Sundays - 9:30am

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

Sundays - 11:00am

Sunday Morning
Worship

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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 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

Spring Quarter 2022 - Unit I: Liberating Passover

March 6, 2022 - Babylonian Captivity Ends
Ezra 1:1-8,11; 2:64-70

March 13, 2022 - Freedom to Worship
Ezra 6:1-12

March 20, 2022 - Celebrate Passover Liberation
Ezra 6:13-22

March 27, 2022 - Lest We Forget
Deuteronomy 8:1-11

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.

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Pastor Nathan Johnson 3/16

Christine Smith 3/5

Angela Pierce 3/7

Betty Hooper 3/10

Doris Stanley 3/10

Lavera Goodlow-Lawrence 3/13

Elma Carver 3/21

Marion Mooreman 3/23

Donna Kitchen 3/27

Trustee Elaine Hudson 3/27

Annette Cadwell 3/28

Sheila Samuels 3/28

Marilyn Yancey 3/30

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

James & Betty Hooper 3/15

James & Margarette Barnette 3/20

Trustee Garlin &

Rev. Yvonne Gilchrist 3/28

Jerry & JoAnn Neal 3/31



Sick and Shut-In

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HAWKES, Bro. Earnest
HERRING, Sis. Bessie
HICKS, Sis. Mary
HINES, Sis. Bernadine
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HUNTER, Bro. James
LINEBARGER,
 Deaconess Nazell
LYNCH, Sis. Willie B.
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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
WELLS, Sis. Betty
WILMORE, Bro. Louis

Condolences

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The Salem Union Baptist Church family of Nassau, Bahamas for the loss  
of their Pastor, Rev. Dr. Charles Saunders

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Sister Dawn Rankin and family for the loss of her Father,
Rev. Jerry Rankin

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Sister Michelle Bly and family for the loss of her Mother, and  
Sister Jacqueline Hines for the loss of her Sister,  
Sister Cynthia Walker Tyner

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Brother Theartie Davis and family for the loss of his Sister,
Sister Christine Davis-Byrd

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Brother Courtlen Hale and family for the loss of his Father,  
Deacon Redus Hale

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Sister Betty Wells for the loss of her Husband,
Brother Albert Wells

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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)

