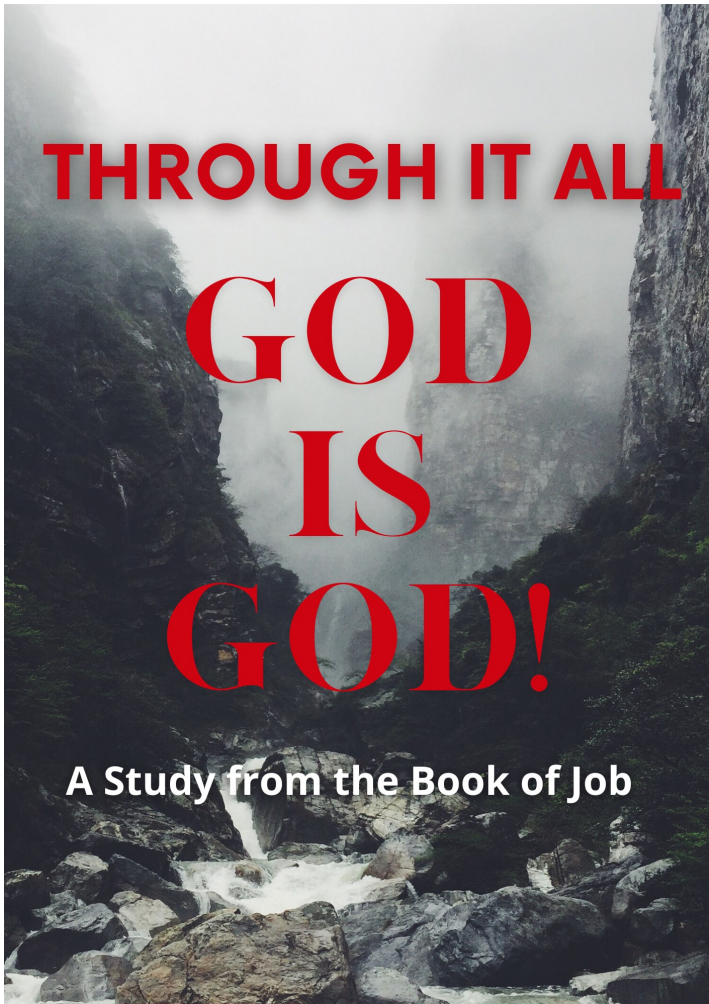


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He Leadeth Me In Paths of Righteousness

Many times in life, we find ourselves at the crossroads of decision-making. We often know not which way to travel. In life, there are many paths from which we must choose. But when we look at Psalm 23. We discover that we are not left alone to make the decisions in our lives. We're not left on our own to try to figure out everything. David is the writer of this cherished song. Many of us can quote it in its entirety. But the phrase "He leads me the paths of righteousness for His name's sake" begs for our attention—what a comforting word. Just to know that we have the leadership of God at our disposal.

David found himself at a challenging time in his life when he composed this song. David found himself in unfamiliar places. He found himself alone. He found himself in situations that he had not been in before. But this psalm, Psalm 23, is David's recognition that he is not alone. David declares: "The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his namesake."

There is something quite comforting to know that you have God as your leader. Life affords us many paths, and sometimes it is not easy to choose the right path. If we apply the analogy of sheep and their shepherd to the statement, we will understand the beauty of this phrase. Sheep are known not to have good eyesight. They do not see very well. Also, sheep are known to follow the herd. They sometimes do not even decide for themselves; they just follow along with the sheep moving before them. Because sheep do not have good eyesight, they can't always choose the right path. It is the keen eyesight of the shepherd that knows the right path to take.

It is the shepherd who knows which paths are easily flooded out by the seasonal rains. It is the shepherd who knows the path that presents the least danger for the sheep. There can be no preventing of the seasonal rains from falling. But the Shepherd's chosen path can be high enough that it is not flooded out by those rains that fall. This is true in our own lives that frequently, we do not know the right path to take, and frequently the path 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

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MY HELP COMES FROM THE LORD
Psalm 121

April 10
WHEN HOPE SHOWS UP
Psalm 24

April 17
HOPE YET LIVES!
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April 24
NO WORRIES
Psalm 23

(all sermons by Pastor Johnson unless otherwise noted)

The Invitation

As the Winter season ends and Spring and Summer season begins, everyone is anxious to see the sun and smell the sweet scent of flowers. Everyone at some point during the season will receive an invitation to a wedding, backyard barbeque or a family reunion. Summer is a great time to catch up with family and friends that you haven't seen in awhile due to COVID-19 and other life events. When we receive these invitations from someone that we know and love, we are eager to open them right away to make sure that our calendars are clear so that we may attend. The invitation will not go unnoticed.

However, there is a more important invitation we should be eager to open, the invitation is given to all people created by God. Now the question will come, how do you know that everyone has received this invitation? In the word of God the scripture states, *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son (Jesus) that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life"* (John 3:16, KJV). How do you receive this life? Scripture also states that if you *"confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved"* (Romans 10:9).

The invitation is yours to open and anyone who hears His knock. *"Here I am. I stand at the door (of your heart) and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door I will come in and eat with that person and they with me"* (Revelation 3:20, NIV). When you receive an invitation from a loved one you open it, read it, and respond. Just as you will receive an invitation this season from a loved one, Jesus has sent you an invitation to live with Him for eternity, because He loves you. Will you respond and allow Him to show you how glad He is that you accepted His invitation? He's waiting.

Growing in Christ Jesus

“Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ...” (Ephesians 4:15)

Now that you are saved and a member of the church, exactly what does that mean for you? First of all, you received Christ as your personal Savior. Having done so, you are now a Christian. Beware, others who have not received Christ as their Savior may throw the word Christian around loosely to further their own hidden agenda. Yes, we are Christians, more specifically, we can define ourselves as Christ Followers. Jesus gave us the Great Commission which is to go and make disciples (Matthew 28:19-20). Sam Rainier stated in his book *the Seven Basics of Belonging*, that “the purpose of following Jesus is to be more like Him. Discipleship in its simplest form is defined as being more like Jesus” (p. 26). A disciple is a learner. The point is not information, but transformation.

Last month we discovered that “Worship is the first basic of belonging to the church” (Rainer, p. 15). Church membership is not stagnant but dynamic. Remaining a babe in Christ should not be our vocation or final aspiration. Scripture admonishes us to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ (Hebrews 6:1). As disciples of Christ, we are to grow spiritually. The Bible references growth many times (Colossians 2:7, 1 Peter 2:1-3, 2 Peter 3:18, 1 Corinthians 13:11, John 15:5, Ephesians 4:13-16). According to Rainer, the second basic of belonging is spiritual growth (p. 26). Just as the physical body needs nutrition to grow, so do our Spiritual beings need a healthy diet. God uses His Word to facilitate and nurture our growth but, we must take steps to grow. Since it does not happen without effort, we must be intentional about it. It begins with hearing the preached or taught Word on Sundays and/or Bible studies through the week. To avoid stunted growth, we should feed our spirits and minds continually on God’s Word.

Spiritual growth is a key purpose of the church (Rainer, p. 26). We look to the church to provide opportunities for growth and it does, particularly every Sunday morning. Moreover, there are ways we can continue the growth process by self- study tools, books, cell phone apps, Bible schools, online classes, and studies through our district and national associations. Rainer suggested that there are ways to personally foster growth; through spiritual disciplines of meditations, prayer, fasting, and confession. Daily Bible reading and personal devotion time are imperative to being a follower of Christ (p. 30).

Isolation does not produce disciples, but disciples are made through the ministry of the church (p. 28). According to Rainer, spiritual growth occurs in proximity to others. Disciples help others grow into mature believers. Attending Sunday Church School and Church Bible studies on a regular basis are wonderful ways to grow spiritually in proximity to others and to increase knowledge and understanding of the Word of God. Interacting with fellow believers, whether in person or virtually, can help us remain motivated and committed to learning and growing.

Peter instructed us to long for or crave pure spiritual milk that we may grow up into salvation (ESV). The Greek text literally says we grow “into” our salvation. Dr. John Koessler stated that we are growing into “the whole measure of the fullness of Christ” as related in Ephesians 4:13 (Dr. John Koessler, *“Growing Into Salvation,”* Today In the Word, Jan, 2022). Paul related in the Ephesians passage that we should no longer be children tossed to and fro carried by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men... [Ephesians 4:14] “Ultimately, it is God who makes us grow. He has given His Word and those who teach it. His Holy Spirit grants understanding and empowers us to obey it. God is the source of our spiritual life and the secret behind our spiritual growth” [Dr. John Koessler, Today in the Word, Jan. 2022]. Let us grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ (Ephesians 4:15).

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choose may appear to be the best path. But because we like sheep, we do not see well and don't know much about the paths that lie before us. We often choose path paths that are easily flooded out and that are replete with great danger. David's heart is put at ease as he remembers the paths that his Shepherd has led him on up to this time in his life. And because David has to testify that the paths that his Shepherd has led him on in the past have kept him from being overwhelmed by the rainy seasons of his life. These paths that his Shepherd has led him on have protected him from many things that would have completely destroyed him. David reflects upon the previous leadership of his Shepherd; He gains great comfort as he expects his Shepherd to continue to lead him in the paths that will be best for him. Many of us would be free from anxiety if we just remembered the paths that God has led us. If we allowed the Lord to lead us in the past, we would have to admit that his choice of the paths has been for our best.

We might ask ourselves what makes the paths that the Lord leads us on the best for us. The reason why the paths that are chosen for us are paths that are not easily flooded out. The reason why the paths that are selected for us by the Lord are paths that provide optimum safety. We should find comfort in the paths that the Lord chooses for us because they are paths of righteousness. The paths that the Lord leads us on may not be paths of popularity. The paths that the Lord may lead us on may not be paths of great worldly prosperity. But be assured any path that the Lord would lead us on would be paths that align with his righteousness. The Lord will never lead us in paths of unrighteousness. The Lord will never lead us in paths that cause us to do wrong. In other words, the Lord will never lead us down the wrong path. Often, we have difficulty accepting the path that God leads us on because it runs contrary to our own personal agenda. And sometimes, we reject the path that the Lord is leading us on because it runs contrary to the world's ways. We must never forget that the Lord will always do what is best for us, and he will always lead us in paths that line up with His righteousness.

One might ask, why would the Lord be so concerned about leading us? Why would the Lord take the time to guide us through life personally? The answer is in the last portion of that verse. The Lord leads us in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Since the Lord is our shepherd, His name is on the line. No shepherd wants to spoil their reputation by being known as a shepherd who leads his flock down paths that are easily flooded out and down paths that are full of dangers. The Lord leads us in paths of righteousness because of his character. He leads us in paths of righteousness because of his reputation. The Lord has a reputation for taking care of his own. The Lord leads us in paths of righteousness because it brings honor to his name.

Even though we may claim the Lord as our shepherd, we must be willing to let him lead us. Our daily prayer should be the words of Doris Akers's prayer hymn: "Lead Me, Guide."

I am weak, and I need Thy strength and power
To help me over my weakest hour;
Let me through the darkness Thy face to see,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness;
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in Thee,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. [Refrain]

I am lost, if You take Your hand from me;
I am blind, without Thy Light to see;
Lord, just always let me Thy servant be,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. [Refrain]

Refrain:
Lead me, guide me along the way;
For if You lead me, I cannot stray;
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Shalom!

Pastor Nathan Johnson

TRANSITION TO REOPENING

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

PHASE ONE

Broadcast with Leadership
Timeline: March 20, 2022
In-Person and Virtual Worship

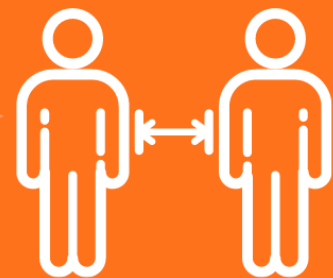


PHASE TWO

Limited Membership
Timeline: April 3, 2022
In-Person and Virtual Worship

PHASE THREE

Expanded Membership
Timeline: April 17, 2022
In-Person and Virtual Worship



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- All Tabernacle Family & Guests are invited to worship with us beginning April 3, 2022.
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- Register each week you wish to attend by the Wednesday prior.

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Please complete online or email information to kelyse@tmbcdetroit.org no later than Friday, May 20, 2022. Remember to submit information for those who are away at school.

Applications May be Submitted via:
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Email a photo of the graduate to:
kelyse@tmbcdetroit.org

The graduation recognition will be completed based on registrants who submit their information by the May 20, 2022 deadline. Photos and information provided on the application will be used on our website and social media platforms. By submitting the information on your graduate, you are releasing Tabernacle to use their image and graduation details. Congratulations as you celebrate this important accomplishment in the life of your loved one!

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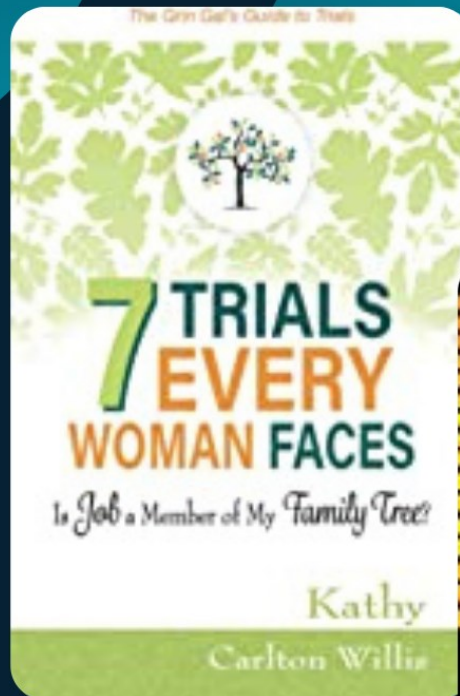
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TABERNACLE MBC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2022

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*"What shall I render unto the Lord
for all His benefits toward me?" - Psalm 116:12*

Greetings from the Tabernacle MBC Scholarship Committee! We are pleased to announce that the TMBC Scholarship committee is now accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year.

The Scholarship committee was established in 1959 and awards one-year scholarships to high school graduates and full-time undergraduate college students. Scholarships are awarded to individuals attending colleges, universities, trade, or vocational schools. TMBC scholarship funds are made available through the generous contributions of committee members, church members and friends.

We encourage eligible students to submit their scholarship applications by May 31st for the Fall semester 2022 (and applications for Winter semester 2023 must be submitted by October 31st).

The scholarship application, guidelines and requirements can be found on the church website at www.tmbcdetroit.org – click on "Outreach" at top of page, and "Scholarship". The application and all required documents must be submitted by the deadline to the Scholarship Committee Chairman at the Church's address.

If you have any questions regarding the scholarship process, please contact the church office and someone from the scholarship committee will be in touch with you.



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Save the Dates

<p>Tabernacle Family Conference</p> <p>Tabernacle members are encouraged to join this virtual conference to celebrate the goodness of God to our church family.</p>	<p>May 14</p> <p>10am</p>
<p>Super Saturday</p> <p>join the Women & Girls' Ministry and Men & Boys' Ministry in an interactive, fellowship.</p>	<p>May 21</p> <p>10am</p>
<p>Wolverine State Congress Teacher's Summit</p> <p>Register today at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wolverine-teachers-summit-2022-teaching-in-unchartered-territory-tickets-310619500287</p>	<p>June 4</p> <p>9am</p>
<p>Men's Day</p> <p>Stay tuned for more information from the Men & Boys' Ministry.</p>	<p>June 18-19</p> <p>TBA</p>
<p>National Baptist Congress</p> <p>Stay prayerful for our Tabernacle Members representing in the President's and Dean's Offices,</p>	<p>June 20</p>
<p>Teen Girls' Retreat</p> <p>Look for opportunities for our Teen Girls to fellowship with the Women & Girls' Ministry.</p>	<p>June 24-25</p> <p>TBA</p>

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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



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Ministry Opportunities & Virtual Schedule

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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

In-person: Register on www.tmbcdetroit.org

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 III: Liberating Letters

May 1, 2022 - Freedom from Sin

Romans 6:1-14

May 8, 2022 - Freedom for the Future

Romans 8:18-30

May 15, 2022 - Freedom and the Law

Galatians 3:18-29

May 22, 2022 - The Nature of Christian Freedom

Galatians 5:1-15

May 29, 2022 - The Spiritual Fruit of Freedom

Galatians 5:16-26

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.

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Brother Eric Johnson Jr.

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Brother Benjamin & Sister Jonetta Cocroft & family
for the loss of their daughter, Sister Tammi Michelle Porter

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Sister Carol Lehman & family for the loss of her Aunt  
Sister Henrietta Baylor

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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)

