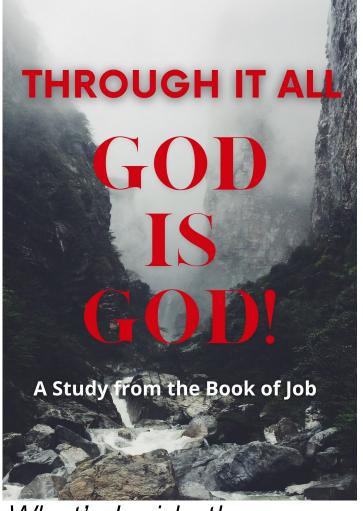
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# **An Urgent Matter!**

Some people wonder whether the sharing of our faith is really an urgent matter. There are those who feel that telling someone about Jesus is on par with inviting someone to become a member of their favorite organization. I beg to differ with such a casual approach to the sharing of the message of Jesus Christ. My passionate position on this is based on both a positive and negative motivation.

The positive motivation is the good news aspect. I share the good news of the message of Jesus Christ. It is good news for men and women, boys and girls who feel that they are doomed to live a life where no one values them. The heart of the gospel is the high value that God has placed on every human being. People need to know that God valued them so much that He gave His only begotten Son for them. God did this because He cares for the misery of detachment that man finds himself plagued by. The good news is that God wants each man, each woman, and every child to be brought back into a right relationship with Him. The good news is that through Jesus, God brings us the opportunity to give up our sorrow and receive His joy. The good news is that through

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## **Sermon Topics**

July 3

HAS GOD DONE ENOUGH?

Joshua 24:14-21, ESV

July 17
KEEP LOOKING
FORWARD
Luke 9:57-62

July 31
WOMEN OF GOD:
HOLD ON TO HOPE!
Job 23:13-14

Rev. Dr. Rosetta O'Neal

July 10
DON'T YOU LET
NOBODY TURN YOU
AROUND!
Hebrews 10:32-39, NLT

July 24
FOCUS ON GOD AND
HOW HE WORKS
Matthew 6:25-33

(all sermons by Pastor Johnson unless otherwise noted)

## Managing Our Memories

"Our memories of God's deeds offer hope, a welcome raft in turbulent seas."

Some mornings when I go online, Facebook shows me "memories"—things I've posted on that day in previous years. These memories, such as photos with my parents, photos at a reunion or photos at a special event, usually make me smile. But sometimes they have a more profound emotional effect. When I see a note about a hospitalization, a picture of a friend's car accident or a memorial service posting. I am reminded of God's faithful presence during difficult circumstances. These Facebook memories nudge me towards prayer and gratitude.

All of us are prone to forget the things God has done for us. We need reminders. When Joshua led God's people towards their new home, they had to cross the Jordan River (Joshua 3:15–16). God parted the waters, and His people walked through on dry land. To create a memorial of this miracle, they took twelve stones from the middle of the riverbed and stacked them on the other side. When others asked what the stones meant, God's people would tell the story of what God had done that day (Joshua 4:20-22).

Our memory was meant not only for private wanderings into forgotten shadows, but also to remind us who God is, and what He's done for us. When we journey into those memories, we cultivate an understanding of our identity that far outshines wistful nostalgia.

Remember when we heard about God's love. Remember when someone left their comfort zone to talk with us about Jesus. We also have the responsibility to talk about Jesus, each in our own way can let someone know about the One who saves. His truth and love can pour into our conversations naturally. We can share God's eternal hope wherever we go.

Lord, thank You for using our past to assure us our hope remains secure in Your everlasting faithfulness.



# Welcome Home to Family!

You are invited to IN PERSON
Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00am with the

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\* NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED \*

\* Masks are Required \* Temperature Checks Upon Arrival \*

\* Social Distancing Encouraged \*

Worship Service will still be available on YouTube and Facebook

### The Priority of Prayer

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, ESV).

We have many means of communication today. We have evolved from face-to-face communication, church meetings, radio, and telegraph, to telephone, TV, cell phone, computer, texts, Zoom, etc. to various forms of social media such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and so on. Each one attracts and caters to different audiences and different purposes, with and without regulations, some more desirable than others. Who is your primary target audience and what's your purpose?

There is another means of communication. Notably, it is the most important, necessary, and privileged means one could ever have. The target audience is far greater than the President of the United States. Prayer is God's ordained way for us to communicate with Him. The blessing is that anyone can have direct access without ever going through the Secret Service or the FBI. We have an audience of One; God, the creator of heaven and earth. *Prayer is the way finite people communicate with an infinite God,* (Sam Rainer, *Seven Basics of Belonging*, 2021, pg. 57). This month, we are focusing on prayer, a fifth basic of belonging in the church, (Rainer, pgs.55-63).

Are you using your open line of communication with God? We don't need a special top priority reason to approach Him or to get through to Him. He is always available. He is always listening. In fact, He says; "Come boldly to the throne of Grace..." (Hebrews 4:16). We have access and a direct line to God by virtue of our salvation through Jesus Christ.

According to Sam Rainer, prayer, an important expectation of church membership, is critical to our spiritual health. It is the way we demonstrate our faith in God's Word and trust in His will (pg. 55). Moreover, prayer expresses our trust in our all-powerful and all-knowing God who loves us unconditionally. Prayer is a strategy for life; not a last resort (Rainer, pg. 59). Our lives and circumstances can turn out much better when we prioritize prayer. When we prioritize prayer, we are making God's will our priority.

Most important is the priority of God's will as we pray. In order to know God's will, we must study His Word. "When we place our faith in God through prayer, He provides His will to us (Rainer, pg.58). When there are challenges before us and we do not know what to do, we can pray to ask God for His good and perfect will for our lives. We can be a better church when we pray to seek God's will rather than our own self-seeking aspirations or personal laundry lists that seem to be a good idea. Nevertheless, God says in Matthew 6:33; But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. When we pray God's will, He hears us and He will answer us. Some answers are "Yes, wait, or I have something better." Sometimes, God develops us inwardly so that we can effectively receive the blessing. Some hindrances to answered prayer may be of own making, such as: unforgiveness, disobedience, sin, failure to repent of known sins, or asking wrongly to spend it on our passions (in other words; motivated by personal gratification and selfish desire; James 4:3). Some requests, simply, may be out of the will of God.

"And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of Him" (1John 5:14-15).

Prayer is a spiritual discipline or practice which allows us to grow spiritually and deepen our relationship with God. "Of all the Spiritual disciplines, prayer is the most central because it ushers us into perpetual communion with the Father." God uses prayer to transform us (Richard Foster, Celebration of Discipline, 1998, pg. 33).

Being in an environment of the Word and prayer impacts our lives. We know that the Word is God (John 1:1) and the Word is quick, powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword (Hebrews 4:12). Praying God's Word impacts families, the church, the nation, and the world. It is a good idea to pray for each of these areas daily. God works all things according to the counsel of His will (Ephesians 1:11, ESV).

**Prayer:** Father God, we magnify Your name. We praise You, our awesome God. We thank You for Your love, tender mercies, and grace You consistently pour out upon us. We thank and praise You for being called Your people. God, we pray for our Nation and President. Your Word says: *If My people, who are called by My name, humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked way, then I will hear from heaven and forgive their sin and heal their land*. God, our land and the world need your healing touch. Father, forgive us for where we have fallen short and knowingly or unknowingly disobeyed Your Word. Let the posture of our hearts seek You with humility and repentance with thanksgiving for who You are. You said that *supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks be made for all men; for kings, and all that are in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty* (1 Timothy 2:1-2). Father, we are asking that You will grant them wisdom to make godly decisions for our good.

Father, thank You for Tabernacle. Jesus You are the light of the world. We pray for our church that we will be a lighthouse so that the light of Jesus will reach far and wide spreading the Word of God, His love, and peace. We pray that hearts of the lost will be opened to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. We pray that we will live with heavenly priorities in mind. Help us to seek first the kingdom of God and its righteousness. Help us to set our minds on things above and not on earthly things (Colossians 3:2) as we see so much happening around us that is unlike You. We want to be more like You, Jesus. We pray that the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) will be reflected in our hearts, our lives, and in all of our relationships. Amen..

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Jesus, God brings to us the opportunity to give up the brokenness of our lives for a wholeness that only comes from Him. The good news is that through Jesus, we find that God wants us to be with Him forever, here and throughout all of eternity. It is only through Jesus that mankind can rid itself of the ominous hopelessness that pervades our society and receive the luminous hope that enables us to endure our present time and look forward to the other side.

The negative motivation is that people who do not accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior will spend eternity without God. Without Jesus, they spend eternity without the mercy of God. The mercy of God is pitying us and holding back the punishment of our offenses toward Him. Can you imagine having to live one moment without God's mercy, less alone no mercy through all eternity? Without Jesus, people would spend eternity without the grace of God. You and I must realize that after death, there are no second chances. There are no do-overs.

I believe God is serious about His offer of salvation and the awesome benefits that come from accepting His offer. I also believe God is serious about the awful consequences of rejecting His offer. Do you take God seriously? I join the apostle Paul when he says: "Sooner or later, we'll all have to face God, regardless of our conditions. We will appear before Christ and take what's coming to us as a result of our good or bad actions. That keeps us vigilant; you can be sure. It's no light thing to know that we'll all stand in that place of Judgment one day. That's why we work urgently with everyone we meet to get them ready to face God. God alone knows how well we do this, but I hope you realize how much and deeply we care" (2 Corinthians 5:10-11, MSG).

Have you seriously considered how God wants to use you to make an eternal difference in the life of those around you?

Shalom!

Pastor Johnson







# Teaching Ministry Training Retreat

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## Who should Register & Attend?

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# Will You Answer the Call? MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Then saith He unto His disciples, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest."

Matthew 9:37-38, KJV

#### **Autumn Fellowship**

#### Driver

 Use your own transportation to follow a provided route of deliveries.

#### Rider

• Ride along with the Drivers to deliver prepared meals.

#### **Meal Prep Assistant**

• Pack meals and bag for deliveries.

## **Evangelism Ministry**

#### **Digital Social Media Chat Support**

 Train to share your faith through Digital evangelism and outreach using our Facebook platform.

#### Virtual Evangelism Messenger

 Participation in ministry events serving in the Chat room to encourage conversation and participation.

#### **Facilities**

#### **Custodian & Grounds Assistant**

 Prepare for the Sanctuary service by helping with the cleaning and sanitation of the Sanctuary between services.

## **Hospitality Ministry**

#### **In-Person Hospitality Greeters**

 Assist in-person worship experience by directing the flow of traffic following the protocols established.

#### **Media Ministry**

#### **Online Support/Virtual Tech Team**

• Serve in zoom, Facebook, YouTube, and free conference call platforms.

#### **In-Person Media Support**

 Train to serve in multiple media areas like camera operators, broadcasting, soundboard, equipment, and more.

#### **Nurses Ministry**

#### **In-Person COVID Protocol Assistant**

Assist in conducting temperature checks and COVID protocols.

#### **Teaching Ministry**

# Sunday Church School Vacation Bible School Teachers/Worker

• Participation in the Teacher's Ministry Training Retreat at least once in the last three years necessary.

#### **Christian Education Ministry Teachers/Workers**

• Serve in the Christian Education Ministry in registration, support, or instruction.

## **Usher Ministry**

#### Doorkeeper

 Serve as a door keeper supporting the worship experience by helping to set the atmosphere while guiding members to their seats and maintaining COVID Guidelines.

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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

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

<u>Summer Quarter 2022 - Unit III: The Great Hope of the</u> Saints

August 7, 2022 - A New Hope

Revelation 21:1-9

August 14, 2022 - A New City

Revelation 21:10-21

August 21, 2022 - The River of Life

Revelation 22:1-7

August 28, 2022 - Come and Enjoy Revelation 22:10-21

# 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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# Sick and Shut-In Condolences

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Sister Tina Dixon for the loss of her Husband, **Brother Larry Dixon** 

Brother Otis Butler for the loss of his Wife, and Sister Evyn Butler for the loss of her Mother, Sister Tonia Yvette Butler

Sister Irma Wise for the loss of her Brother, **Brother William Barnett** 

Sister Annie Reeves for the loss of her Husband, Rev. Timahn Reeves

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> Sister Patti Powell for the loss of her Mother, Sister Lucille Powell

Brother Ray & Sister Kimberly Obiora for the loss of his Sister, Sister Ify Doris Aghachi

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#### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Every Sunday			
Worship Service	11:00 am		
Sunday Church School	9:30 am		
New Member's Class			
Big Sisters • Children 2½-5 years • Child Development Center			
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 Followship Study, and Drayers, Frank Medicalday (6:00 pp. 7:15 pm.)			

The Church in Fellowship, Study, and Prayer • Every Wednesday (6:00 pm-7:15 pm)



