



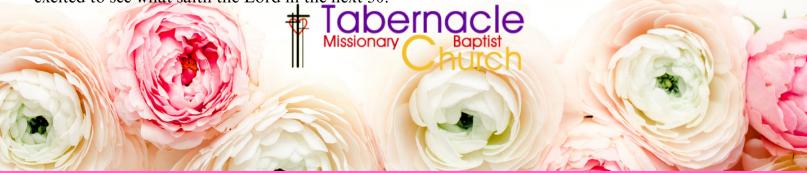
**Rev. Dr. Tracy Thompson** is the youngest and only girl of 3 siblings. Because her parents introduced **Tracy** to Christ, as a young girl she accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior. She followed in the family tradition by serving as a Deacon and an Elder in the church.

Tracy has received 5 academic degrees which includes a second Masters Degree from Ashland Theological Seminary and a Doctorate from United Theological Seminary. She is also certified in COPP, a National Baptist Convention USA Christian Leadership educational program.

**Dr. Thompson** is a preacher, teacher, and motivational speaker. She is also a nationally certified and licensed mental health therapist. Her passion as an activist is to eradicate domestic violence and sexual assault. She has worked on numerous boards and committees hoping to make the world a better place. Because of her work in helping others, she became a recipient of the University of Michigan-Dearborn's prestigious 'Difference Maker Award.'

**Dr. Tracy** is married to psychologist Rev. Dr. Bill Thompson whom she met while in Seminary. From this marriage she has one step-son, a daughter in-law, five grand-children, and a cat named Cashmere.

As Associate Ministers to the Senior Pastor Nathan Johnson at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit, she and her husband are very active serving together in many areas of ministry. Known affectionately as '**Dr. Tracy**,' she was appointed as the spiritual advisor for the Women and Girls' Ministry. She considers it a great privilege to be in service to the Lord for 30 years and is excited to see what saith the Lord in the next 30!





Cheyenne Nickelberry has been at Tabernacle her entire life but officially joined at the age of 6. Cheyenne has been involved in: various Bible studies for youth, Sunday School classes for youth, the Crusading Puppets for Christ singing and performing in Children's Church and at Claiming Our Jerusalem Outreach, the Melodies of Praise in Children's Church, the Youth Praise Team, Teen Girls Retreat, helping her grandmother with Meals on Wheels, Women and Girls Choir, Cherub and Youth Choirs, Drama Ministry, the Church's Centennial Finance Committee, the Logistics Ministry, and the "One" Dance Ministry.

She currently serves with the Media Ministry on Sundays and throughout the week for various Ministries, especially Super Saturdays and Family Spirituality Weekends. Cheyenne has co-facilitated the Influencers for Christ Gathering Group for both the Fall and Winter sessions. During the winter session she attended the "Avoiding Burnout: Christian Self-care" Gathering Group under Rev. Patricia Mobley and Trustee Tommye Hinton-Roberts. She has attended numerous Christian Education week classes and co-taught her first class last year!

She has attended Sunday School throughout her youth and now attends Hybrid Sunday School. Cheyenne has attended Vacation Bible School all her life and now co-teaches the teen class. One of

her joys is providing Ministry in Music with her mom and brother (the Youngblood Singers).

Cheyenne has served with the Metropolitan Missionary Baptist District Association by representing Tabernacle as a Debutante Ball participant and currently serves with the Youth and Young Adult Auxiliary as treasurer and Media Specialist, she sings with the Youth and Young Adult Choir, and sings and plays with the MMBDA District Choir. She has also sung with the Wolverine State Missionary Baptist Convention Mass Choir. Cheyenne attended the National Baptist Convention while here in Detroit, Michigan, singing with the Detroit Mass Choir, and in Tampa, Florida, participating with the Youth Drama Team. She participated as an intern last year with the National Baptist Convention Inc. Home Missions Board.

Cheyenne enjoys playing numerous sports, writing poems, writing stories, writing songs, reading, drawing, making jewelry, cooking, playing all sorts of computer games, puzzles, checking up on

others, and coaching junior varsity volleyball.

Her favorite scriptures are James 1:22 and Romans 8:31.

If you know Cheyenne then you must know about her family: Her grandmother Karen Young, Her great-aunt LaVera Young, her mother Teresa Youngblood, her stepfather Michael Youngblood, and her brother Bryson Nickelberry. She loves them with all her heart!





Sister Evelyn Starnes is a retired Detroit Public School Teacher, a certified Biblical Counselor and serves as an Associate Dean of Christian Education at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church. She united with the Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church Family under the illustrious leadership of Senior Pastor Nathan Johnson nearly a decade ago, coming with Christian Experience and testimony which now spans 60+ years. She was born and raised in Detroit, earning her Bachelor of Arts and Masters of Education in Reading Education degrees from Marygrove College in Detroit. The Lord, her Christian parents' guidance, Detroit's rich history and Christian icons, mentors and examples along her life's journey have each in their own unique way, contributed to her character and Christian womanhood. Her core values—God First, strong family commitment and love for others--has guided her spiritual journey.

Sister Evelyn has earned, from the Sunday School Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention USA, a Christian Education Certificate and Diploma, Dean Certification of Christian Leadership Schools, and Instructor Certification. Sis. Evelyn is currently a doctoral student at Ashland Theological Seminary and is in the midst of her pursuit of a Doctor of Ministry Degree in Christian Education. Her desire is to continue preparation for the work of the Christian Teaching Ministry—To grow in Christ, better prepared to serve the Body of Christ as she informs and equips the saints, encouraging them to apply what they have learned to minister to others and in life situations, thus encouraging disciples for Christ.

Sister Evelyn's heart scripture is 1 John 4:7, that begins, "Beloved, let us love one another...". Her favorite scripture is Romans 8:28. Being a member of the Teaching Ministry enables her to, on occasion, be a member of the planning and implementation of educational events at Tabernacle. She enthusiastically attends weekly Bible Study and Sunday School class and Panel Prep. Sis. Evelyn is a member of a loving sisterhood, the Women & Girls Ministry, her passion, which includes Super Saturday events. She has been blessed to be involved in the Gathering Group experience, in its implementation process, group experience and interaction with its facilitators. Sis. Evelyn is a member of the Evangelism Ministry. She volunteers during the Claiming Our Jerusalem with outreach to the community through evangelism. She participates in Christian Education week, Family Spirituality Month and Vacation Bible School.

Sister Evelyn has taught on the local and district levels. She has taught Sunday School lessons as a substitute, and a course in our Christian Leadership School. Serving as dean, she planned and implemented a Wolverine State Christian Leadership School. She serves the Metropolitan Missionary Baptist District Association as a member of the Dean's Staff and Tech Support and has taught on that level. She is an active member of the Wolverine State Dean's planning committee where state opportunities for Christian education are planned. Sister Evelyn has been enriched by the many Christian education courses offered through the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education.

Sister Evelyn Starnes, in October 2023, will celebrate 50 years of marriage to Brother Donald Starnes, Sr. They have two loving adult children, three fine grandchildren and one adorable great grandson. Sister Evelyn's Spiritual journey of discipleship, including her current humble service in Christian education continue to strengthen her Christian growth, in adherence to the Lord's quiet voice and her voracious thirst for Christian education in a more excellent way. Amen!

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## TABERNACLE MBC USHER MINISTRY

The Usher Ministry of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist was organized in 1922 by a group of men who realized a need for this special service in God's army. Another team was formed in 1923 with women. Realizing they were serving one God, the same God, the teams united in 1924, believing oneness in purpose. In 1934 boys and girls were included in the membership. The Ushers serve at every Worship Service, Funeral, Prayer Meeting, Church Conference, Concerts, Group Celebrations, and travel with the Pastor to serve at other churches. The Usher Ministry is dedicated to serving with dignity, humility, and grace. They take seriously Psalms 84:10, "I would rather be a gatekeeper in the house of my God than live the good life in the good life in the homes of the wicked." Sister Charlotte Kennedy is the Current President.





## SISTERS IN SERVICE 90+ YEARS

Alexander, Daisy Allen, Dorothy Austin, Vernice Barnett, Margaret Billingsley, Constance Bond. Bernice Bowman, Jeanette Bradley, Bernice Brown, Rosa Brown, Ora Brown, Mayola Bunkley, Edna Louise Clark, Ester Combs, Alice Crossley, Bertha Daniel, Eloise Emanuel, Lula Mae Feurtardo-Reynolds, Alice Finley, Ida Foster, Elizabeth

Friday, Marie

Hayes, Marylee Hoye, Ora Jackson, Doria Johnson, Georgia Johnson, Margaret Johnson, Thelma Johnson, Frances Jones, Mary King, Ethel Lane, Georgia Linebarger, Nazell Lockridge, Rebecca Long, Annie McCollom, Mae McKenzie, Anelda McQuinn, Mollie Mitchell, Callie Moorman, Marion Orr, Corine Pacely, Charlene Patterson, Dorothy

Perkins, Hattie Person, Joya Robinson, Erma Scafe, Mary Searcy, Shirley Simmons, Dorothy Smith, Martha Smith, Bernice Stein, Rose Marie Stewart, Mary Tillman, Emma Tompkins, Amanda Turner, Mildred Vance, Jestine Wallick, Pauline Wells, Winifred White, Ruth Wise, Irma Woods, Naomi Woody, Doris Wright, Juanita Yancey, Marian

