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Freedom

During this time of year, some people celebrate while others reflect on the significance of the Declaration of Independence and the Emancipation Proclamation. These two documents primarily address the concept of political freedom, one being the independence of American colonies from Great Britain and the other being the emancipation of enslaved Black people in America. However, there is a much more profound type of liberty that deserves recognition - spiritual freedom. Sin is a cruel and unrelenting slave master that enslaves many. Unfortunately, it can be difficult to discuss sin without causing offense as it involves rebellion against God. Despite the illusion of freedom that sin promises, it only leads to further enslavement.

This enslavement is a life void of freedom; it is a life of confinement. People who are not free are slaves to fettering manifestation of this rebellion toward God. It restricts their movement. People who are not free cannot move beyond their addictions and self-destructive behaviors. People who are not free cannot move to personal wholeness and, therefore, are never able to enter into healthy relationships. Those who are confined often attempt to create a lifestyle of confinement for those with whom they have contact. A life that has no freedom produces a

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Pastor's Schedule

JULY 1, 2023 - JULY 3, 2023

Bethlehem Baptist Church
Mansfield, TX

JULY 16-21, 2023

Metropolitan Missionary Baptist District
Association Annual Session
First Baptist Institutional Church,
Detroit, MI

JULY 31 - AUGUST 3, 2023

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Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church
Detroit, MI

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Sermon Topics

June 4

DON'T BE AFRAID OF THEM
Joshua 10:3-14, NLT

June 18

JESUS PRAYED FOR YOU
Luke 22:31-32, KJV

June 11

ADVICE WORTH TAKING
Proverbs 3:5-7, NKJV

June 28

A CHANGE IN DIRECTION
Acts 9:1-6, KJV
Rev. Arthur Rushin

(all sermons by Pastor Johnson unless otherwise noted)

Spotting GOD

A pirouette is a graceful spin that's executed by ballerinas and contemporary dancers alike. Experienced dancers love to do pirouettes and spins in modern dance, whirling round and round. This spinning move for beginner and novice dancers can be a problem. They can easily become dizzy in the head and lose balance. A good instructor will tell them about a helpful hint that will help them maintain balance and control. It is called "spotting" where you identify a single point for your eyes to return to each time you make a full circle spin. Having a single focal point will enable you to master pirouettes and spinning with a graceful finish.

We all face many twists and turns in life. When we focus on our problems, however, the things we encounter seem unmanageable, leaving us dizzy and heading toward a disastrous fall. The Bible reminds us that if we keep our minds steadfast, or focused, on God, He'll keep us in "perfect peace" (Isaiah 26:3). Perfect peace means that no matter how many turns life takes, we can remain calm, assured that God will be with us through our problems and trials. He's the "Rock eternal" the ultimate "spot" to fix our eyes on because his promises never change.

May we "spot" our eyes on Jesus as we go through each day, going to Him in prayer and studying His promises in the Scriptures. May we rely on God, our eternal Rock, to help us move gracefully through all of life. Family, let's share, remember, focus and "spot" on this important scripture.

John 3:16 (ERV)

Yes, God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him would not be lost but have eternal life.

Writer's Ministry Lesson: 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

As a church we are so happy to return to in-person worship after a three - year pandemic. We are extremely excited about the new members who joined our church body during the Pandemic and since then. We welcome you and extend our heartfelt thanks to God for each of you. This series of lessons to follow are designed to acquaint you and inform our long-standing members of some basics of belonging to the church.

If someone were to ask you why you joined the church, 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? Maybe you joined because you love the singing and the pastor's preaching. Perhaps, you joined because of the undeniable call of God on your life and the prompting of the Holy Spirit. No matter what your reason was for joining the church, one thing is for certain: it didn't occur by happenstance. God is definitely up to something! He wants you to learn of Him and His Word, fellowship with Him, and worship and fellowship with your sisters and brothers in Christ. Moreover, God loves "community," and He wants you to be a part of one.

One way to be involved in God's community is by joining the 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 to belong or request membership, but your place in the body of Christ is without cost and 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 has 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' (1 Corinthians 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). This means we choose to live according to the truths and principles of God's Word versus the ungodly, immoral, and lawless ways of the world. 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. This does not happen all at once. It is a process made possible by the empowerment of the Holy Spirit within us. When we falter, God is merciful and kind. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). 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. You are not alone. It is such a joy and so gratifying to be part of a church family.

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milieu of sour attitudes about life and tends to view people through the lens of cynicism. The freedomless life is both negative and fearful of the future, it has no hope beyond this side. This really is a miserable life. These people may appear to be free due to freedom of physical activity and the enjoyment of some of this world's goods, but it takes more than this to be free.

Jesus is the key to true freedom for everyone. While external freedom is important, the real transformation begins within our hearts. Our rebellion against God has created a divide in our relationship with Him, but Jesus came to reconcile us with our Creator. Through His sacrificial death, we can break free from the chains of sin. Trusting in Jesus Christ is the only way to experience the beauty of life and true liberation. By following His guidance and trusting in Him, we can escape the darkness of sin and see the divine image in ourselves and others. Without complete faith in Jesus, we cannot escape the despair of life. As we ponder political freedom, let us also celebrate the freedom that can only be found through Jesus Christ.

“When he put it in these terms, many people decided to believe. Then Jesus turned to the Jews who had claimed to believe in him. “If you stick with this, living out what I tell you, you are my disciples for sure. Then you will experience for yourselves the truth, and the truth will free you.” Surprised, they said, “But we’re descendants of Abraham. We’ve never been slaves to anyone. How can you say, ‘The truth will free you’?” Jesus said, “I tell you most solemnly that anyone who chooses a life of sin is trapped in a dead-end life and is, in fact, a slave. A slave is a transient who can’t come and go at will. The Son, though, has an established position, the run of the house. So if the Son sets you free, you are free through and through” (John 8:30–36, The Message).

Shalom,

Pastor Nathan Johnson

Bring a Friend



TEEN GIRLS' RETREAT

WOMEN & GIRLS' MINISTRY

July 8, 2023

10:00am-4:00pm

LIVING OUT GOD'S PROMISE



JOSHUA 21:43, 45, NLT



In Person Only. Bring your Bibles (you may bring your phones with the Bible App).

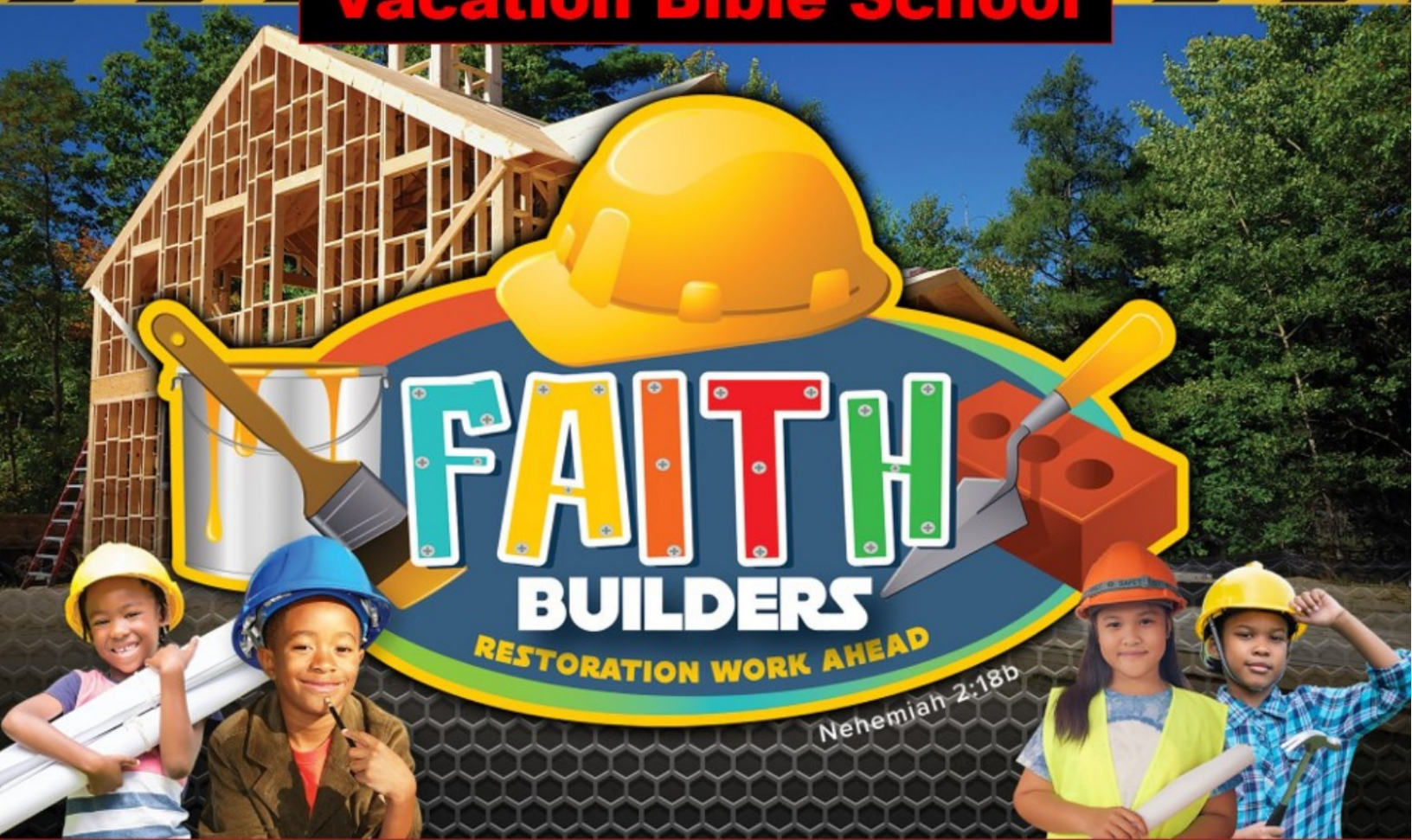
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Sis. Mamie Humphrey, Women & Girls' Chairman

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Vacation Bible School



July 11 – 13, 2023 | 6:00pm-8:00pm

Including, Breakouts from the...

**Women & Girls' Ministry's
Super Saturday Fellowship**

**Men & Boys' Ministry & The
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Sis. Cynthia Greene

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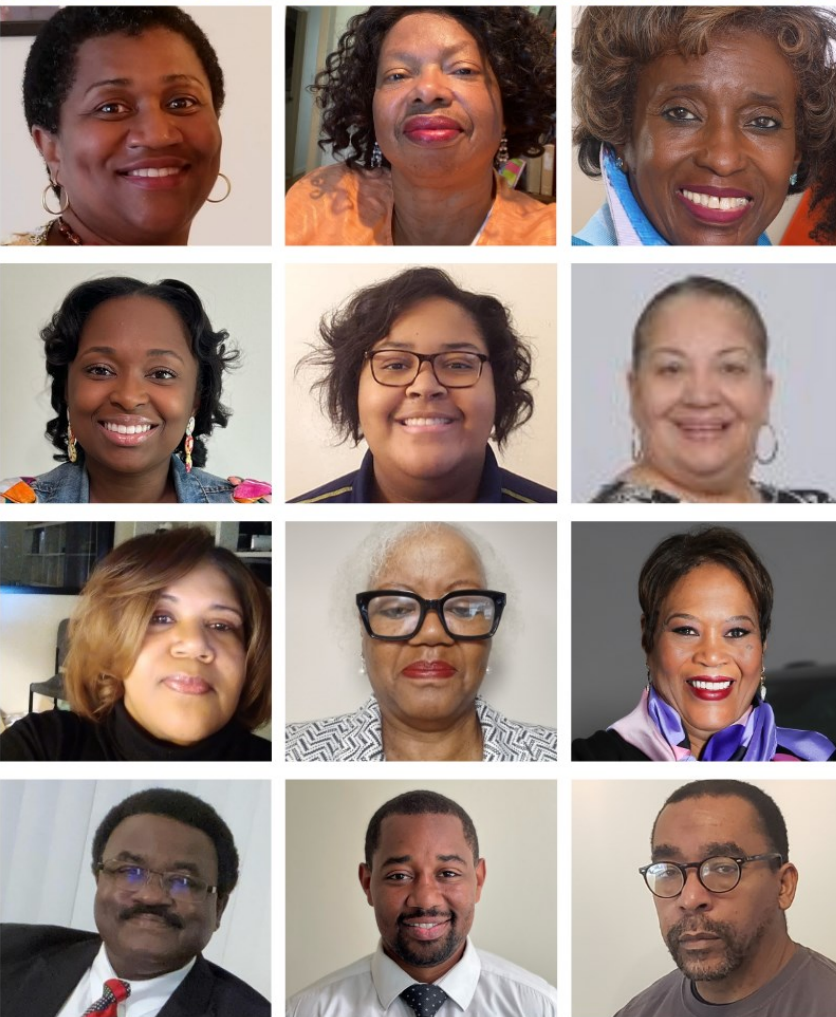
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JULY 30, 2023 - 11:00 AM

Living Out God's Promise

JOSHUA 21:43,45, NLT

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Sundays - 9:30am

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Discussion of the Sunday
Church School Lesson
Continues via Zoom,
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Hybrid Sunday Adult #1 Class

Rev. Arthur Rushin &
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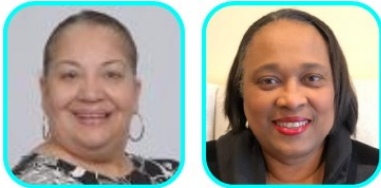
Hybrid Sunday Adult #2 Class

Rev. Dr. Rosetta O'Neal, Bro. Rey Obiora, &
Deaconess Jacqueline Birtte



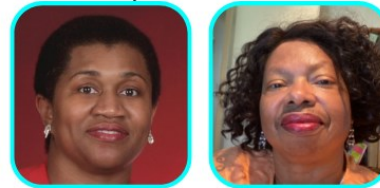
Hybrid Sunday Youth Class

Trustee Pearlanne Pollard &
Sis. Annette Peace



Hybrid Sunday Children's Class

Sis. Katina Rushin &
Sis. Sylvia Davis



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Teaching Ministry Multigenerational Discussion Panel

Sis. Sherrhonda Denice, Dea. Emanuel Haley, Dea. Frank Adams, Sis. Cynthia Greene,
Sis. Jaye Powell, & Dea. Charles Green

Sis. Irma Wise, General Superintendent
Dr. Kimberly Elyse, Dean

Metropolitan Baptist District Association

Annual Session

"Growing and Working Together With One Another Through The Cohesiveness of Christ"

Psalm 133:1-3

**Host Church:
Pastor Robyn Moore**

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**July 16-21
2023**



Services

OPENING CONCERT

Sunday, July 16th
4PM

Minister of Music:
Allethea Clark

LECTURE AND WORSHIP

Monday-Friday
July 17th-July 21st
6:00 PM Lecture
7:00 pm Annual Addresses

MODERATOR'S NIGHT

Friday, July 21st
7PM

Pastor Mark A. Gray
2nd Annual Address

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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: No registration necessary.

Wednesdays - 12:00noon - ON SUMMER BREAK

Bible Study with Rev. Debra Carter
Zoom Meeting: 129 795 525, YouTube, Facebook

Wednesdays - 6:00-7:30pm - ON SUMMER BREAK

Church in Prayer & Study with Pastor Johnson
Zoom Meeting: 584 878 336

Weekly Sunday School Lessons

Summer Quarter 2023 - The Righteous Reign of God

Unit I: The Prophets Proclaim God's Power

July 2, 2023 - Peace to the Nations

Zechariah 9:9-13, 16-17

Unit II: Jesus Envisions the Kingdom

July 9, 2023 - The Kingdom has Come upon You

Matthew 12:22-32

July 16, 2023 - The Sower and the Seed

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 23, 2023 - Weeds amongst the Wheat

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Stay Connected | Virtual Ministry Meetings

DEACON'S GROUPS

Group 1 - Dea. Jerry Moses

3rd Sundays - 3:00pm (Morris)

Group 2/16 - Sis. Flora Clay

2nd Sundays - 3:00pm (Morris)

Group 6/23 - Sis. Dorothy Pugh

4th Sundays - 3:00pm

Group 7 - Sis. Marguriete Winn

1st Sundays - 1:30pm (Wilcoxson/Story)

Group 10/21 - Deaconess Ann Pearson

3rd Sundays - 5:00pm

Group 12 - Bro. Robert Elmore

3rd Sundays - 2:00pm (Morris)

Group 15 - Dea. Charles Grace

Tuesdays after 2nd Sundays - 7:30pm

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

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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July Birthdays & Anniversary 2023

July Anniversaries

MINISTRY AUXILIARIES

Deaconess Meeting - Sis. Veronica Jenkins

Saturday before 1st Sundays - (Deaconess Bd Room)

Marr-O-Nots - Bro. Donald Hudson

3rd Sundays - 6:00pm



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SMITH, Sis. Chanel

WALLICK, Sis. Pauline

WELLS, Sis. Betty

WILMORE, Bro. Louis

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Sister Patricia Moore for the loss of her Husband,  
Brother Ronald Moore

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Sister April Harris for the loss of her Mother,
Sister Delores Dungy

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Deaconess Odessa Robertson for the loss of her Husband,  
Deacon Troy Robertson

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Sister Juanita Cadwell Roye for the loss of her Sister,
Sister Paula R. Cadwell

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Brother Arthur Williams Jr. for the loss of his Sister,  
Sister Mariane Williams Chatman

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Dr. Nettie Walker Wood for the loss of her Sister,
Dr. Carolyn Walker

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Sister Shelia William for the loss of her Niece,  
Sister Hillary Ballard

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The Ester Hortens Clark family

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Sister Minnie Mitchell for the loss of her Mother,  
Sister Cora Lee Boyland

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Brother Bruce Mangrum for the loss of his Sister,
Sister Raynna Diane Williams

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Sister Rhonda Thomas for the loss of her Mother,  
Sister Mary Wilcox

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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)

