

# Come Home To Family

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We serve a giving, generous, gracious God. No one can deny the truth of this statement. You and I have been the recipients of so much. Everything we have received from God can be summed up with one word, and that word is opportunity. I believe that every time God gives us something, that something is really an opportunity. The word opportunity has a fascinating etymology. Originally the word "opportunity" was a nautical term. It was used by sailors to describe the suitable time to bring a ship into harbor. Right time had to do with a combination of the wind and the tide. Early ships depended primarily on the wind to fill its sails providing the power to move. Ships also depended on the changing of the tide to determine the right time to move toward the port. If the tide was low, a ship attempting to move into harbor would run the risk of grounding on sand bars. Therefore, a captain would wait for the high tide to come in which would give him the right time to come into port. Hence the word "opportune", which is a compound word "ob" (towards) + "portus" (port) meaning toward the port.

Every blessing we receive can be seen as the wind of grace and the high tide of mercy granting to us a divine opportunity. We have received the blessing of being forgiven. God has taken

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# Highlighted Ministry Events

## Claiming Our Jerusalem / Back To School Rally *"Hope Comes to the Neighborhood"* Saturday, August 25, 2012

starting at 9:00 a.m. @

Vicksburg & Wildemere

Evangelism - BackPacks - School Supplies - Clothing  
Health Screenings - Fellowship - Puppets4Christ - Choirs  
Community Resources - Bounce Rides - Refreshments

## Pastor Johnson's Preaching Engagements August 2012

Sunday, August 26, 2012 @ 4:00pm  
40th Pastoral Anniversary of  
Dr. Clifton Rhodes Jr., Pastor  
Messiah Baptist Church  
513 Henry Ave SE  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

## Sermon Topics

(all sermons by Pastor Johnson unless otherwise noted)

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|-----------------------|---|
| July 1                | "The God We Proclaim"<br><i>Acts 17:22-31</i>   |
| July 8                | "The Comfort of a Changeless God"<br><i>Malachi 3:6</i>   |
| July 15               | "God Knows!"<br><i>Psalms 147:4-5, Psalm 139:1-4, Isaiah 46:9-10</i>  |
| July 22 - Women's Day | "A Sister's Hope in the Scarlet Rope"<br>Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church, Houston, TX<br><i>Joshua 2:1-2, 15-24</i> |
| July 29               | "A Work in Progress"<br><i>Mark 5:1-20</i><br>Rev. Samuel Spruill   |

# Opportunities

the weight of the guilt-burden of our offenses toward Him by forgiving us. The blessing of forgiveness gives us the opportunity to forgive those who have offended us. If God has forgiven you of anything than He has provided for you the high tide of His mercy in order that you would do the same for someone else. God has given you the blessing of His unconditional love. He has loved you proactively and unqualifiedly. He did not wait for you to love Him and He has held nothing back in loving you. Having the blessing of God's love provides for you the perfect opportunity to love people the way He has loved you. The tide is high, take the advantage and love today.

The talents we have and the skills we have are all blessings from God. These talents and skills whether developed by formal or informal training are all opportunities. God has given us various favorable winds and unique high tides to make a difference in the world in which we live. The difference we are to make is ultimately for the advancement of the Kingdom of God. Whatever God has blessed you to become in life is your inimitable opportunity to be used by Him. Many people miss the privilege to make a special contribution toward kingdom expansion. This is due to their failure to see their skills as a positive wind and a beneficial high tide to move their life into the harbor of kingdom usefulness. In other words, your expertise is an opportunity. Your total life is one big

opportunity.

The problem with opportunities is that we cannot control when they present themselves. We also do not have power over how long they stay around. When the sailors missed entering into port during high tide, they would have to wait for the next high tide. They not only missed the opportunity to get into the harbor, but the blessings of the harbor. The crisis of missed opportunities is other missed opportunities. When we let pass God given opportunities we miss the chance to be a part of something bigger than ourselves. When we neglect high tide of God's blessings, we short change ourselves of a sense of purpose. When we overlook the opportunities to use our abilities for God, we exclude ourselves from experiencing a sense of fulfillment that can only come from being used by God. When we miss the opportunity to share the message of Jesus Christ with someone and lead them into a relationship with him, we miss the peace of mind of knowing that they will spend eternity with him. Each day that the Lord wakes you up is a new opportunity. Each stage of your career brings forth fresh opportunities to advance God's purpose. The giving, generous, gracious God, our Father is right now causing the wind of grace and the high tide mercy to be experienced in your life, what will you do with this fresh opportunity. I hope your reply will in unison with the words of this great hymn of Charles Wesley: "A Charge to Keep I Have."

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Flowers Enhancing the Beauty of the Sanctuary

August 5

*In Celebration  
of Your  
91st Birthday*

*Trustee  
Robert B. Elmore*

Placed there by

*Your Children*

August 12

*In Celebration of  
Rev. Miller &  
Deaconess Etta Adams*

*56 Years of Marriage  
We will lift our eyes unto the hills from whence comes our help;  
Our help comes from the LORD who made heaven and earth.*

Placed there by  
*Rev. Miller & Deaconess Etta Adams*

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*In Celebration of  
56 Years of Marriage  
Rose Marie & Leon Stein  
(August 11, 1956)  
"Thanks be to God"*

August 19

*Faith is Powerful ~ We stand forever  
leaning on the Everlasting Arms and  
being grateful for all God has done, is  
doing and continues to do in our lives.  
We are forever eternally and sincerely  
humbled by the firm foundation laid  
by loving parents and grandparents  
who raised us in the nurture and  
admonition of our Lord and Savior,  
Jesus Christ.*

*To God be the Glory!*

*The Children, Grandchildren, Great  
and Great- great grandchildren of  
Willie B. and Archie Amos*

August 26

*In Memory of  
My Beloved Husband  
Harry Stevens, Sr.*

Placed there by

*Loving Wife~ Elaine Stevens  
Whose Birthday is Today!*

# Weekly Sunday School Lessons (and Daily Bible Readings)

## JEHOSHAPHAT MAKES JUDICIAL REFORMS

Lesson 9 July 29

Devotional Reading:	James 2:1-5
Background Scripture:	2 Chronicles 18:28 - 19:11
Print Passage:	2 Chronicles 19:4-11
Key Verse:	2 Chronicles 19:6
23	"The Lord Is Our Judge" (Isaiah 33:13-22)
24	"May Righteousness Flourish" (Psalm 72:1-7)
25	"Steadfast in Keeping God's Statues" (Psalm 119:1-8)
26	"Fear the Lord, Depart from Evil" (Job 28:20-28)
27	"The Battle Is God's" (2 Chronicles 20:5-15)
28	"Walking in God's Commandments" (2 Chronicles 17:1-6)
29	"Judging on the Lord's Behalf" (2 Chronicles 19:4-11)

## PRAISE FOR GOD'S JUSTICE

Lesson 10 August 5

Devotional Reading:	Luke 4:16-21
Background Scripture:	Ex. 21-23; Ps. 146 1:-10; Is. 58
Print Passage:	Psalm 146:1-10
Key Verse:	Psalm 146:5, 7
30	"Where Is the God of Justice?" (Malachi 2:10-17)
31	"God's Ways Are Justice" (Daniel 4:34-37)
1	"The Fast that God Chooses" (Isaiah 58:1-9b)
2	"God's Continued Guidance" (Isaiah 58:9c-14)
3	"God Will Grant Justice" (Luke 18:1-8)
4	"Love Good and Establish Justice" (Amos 5:8-15)
5	"Happy Are Those Who Execute Justice" (Psalm 146)

## GOD PROMISED A RIGHTEOUS LORD

Lesson 11 August 12

Devotional Reading:	John 8:12-19
Background Scripture:	Isaiah 9:1-7
Print Passage:	Isaiah 9:2-7
Key Verse:	Isaiah 9:6
6	"A Heart Hardened to God's Righteousness" (Exodus 9:27-35)
7	"Before God in Our Guilt" (Ezra 9:10-15)
8	"Take Your Stand" (1 Samuel 12:6-16)
9	"If We Confess Our Sins" (1 John 1:5-9)
10	"The Righteous Judge" (2 Timothy 4:1-8)
11	"The Light of the World" (John 8:12-19)
12	"The Promise of a Righteous King" (Isaiah 9:2-7)

## GOD PROMISED A RIGHTEOUS BRANCH

Lesson 12 August 19

Devotional Reading:	Psalm 33:1-5
Background Scripture:	Jeremiah 23:1-6; 33:14-18
Print Passage:	Jeremiah 23:1-6; 33:14-18
Key Verse:	Jeremiah 23:5
13	"Pursue Righteousness" (1 Timothy 6:11-16)
14	"God's Children Now" (1 John 2:28 - 3:3)
15	"The Righteous Will Flourish" (Proverbs 11:27-31)
16	"All Shall Be Righteous" (Isaiah 60:17-22)
17	"The Lord Loves Righteousness and Justice" (Psalm 33:1-5)
18	"The Gracious and Righteous Lord" (Psalm 116:5-19)
19	"The Lord Is Our Righteousness" (Jeremiah 23:1-6; 33:14-18)

## GOD PROMISED TO BE WITH US

Lesson 13 August 26

Devotional Reading:	Psalm 23
Background Scripture:	Ezekiel 34
Print Passage:	Ezekiel 34:23-31
Key Verse:	Ezekiel 34:23
20	"The Lord Is My Shepherd" (Psalm 23)
21	"I Will Be with You" (Genesis 28:10-17)
22	"God Will Be with You" (Genesis 48:17-21)
23	"I AM Has Sent Me" (Exodus 3:9-15)
24	"I Am with You" (Haggai 1:7-14)
25	"I Am with You Always" (Matthew 28:16-20)
26	"I Am Your God" (Ezekiel 34:23-31)

## Reading thru the Bible in a Year

### August

1	Psalms 65, 66, 67	Romans 2
2	Psalms 68, 69	Romans 3
3	Psalms 70, 71, 72	Romans 4
4	Psalms 73, 74	Romans 5
5	Psalms 75, 76, 77	Romans 6
6	Psalm 78	Romans 7
7	Psalms 79, 80, 81	Romans 8:1-18
8	Psalms 82, 83, 84	Romans 8:19-39
9	Psalms 85, 86, 87	Romans 9
10	Psalms 88, 89	Romans 10
11	Psalms 90, 91, 92	Romans 11:1-21
12	Psalms 93, 94, 95	Romans 11:22-36
13	Psalms 96, 97, 98	Romans 12
14	Psalms 99, 100, 101, 102	Romans 13
15	Psalms 103, 104	Romans 14
16	Psalms 105, 106	Romans 15:1-20
17	Psalms 107, 108	Romans 15:21-33
18	Psalms 109, 110, 111	Romans 16
19	Psalms 112, 113, 114, 115	1 Corinthians 1
20	Psalms 116, 117, 118	1 Corinthians 2
21	Psalm 119:1-48	1 Corinthians 3
22	Psalms 119:49-104	1 Corinthians 4
23	Psalm 119:105-176	1 Corinthians 5
24	Psalms 120, 121, 122, 123	1 Corinthians 6
25	Psalms 124, 125, 126, 127	1 Corinthians 7:1-24
26	Psalms 128, 129, 130, 131	1 Corinthians 7:25-40
27	Psalms 132, 133, 134, 135	1 Corinthians 8
28	Psalms 136, 137, 138	1 Corinthians 9
29	Psalms 139, 140, 141	1 Corinthians 10:1-13
30	Psalms 142, 143, 144	1 Corinthians 10:14-33
31	Psalms 145, 146, 147	1 Corinthians 11:1-15

### September

1	Psalms 148, 149, 150	1 Corinthians 11:16-34
2	Proverbs 1, 2	1 Corinthians 12
3	Proverbs 3, 4	1 Corinthians 13
4	Proverbs 5, 6	1 Corinthians 14:1-20
5	Proverbs 7, 8	1 Corinthians 14:21-40

# Event Schedule

(ALL Deacons' Groups and Bible Study Classes will resume in October)

## Aug 1 - Wednesday

6:00 Teachers' Bible Study - Rm 2161  
7:00 Prayer & Praise

## Aug 2 - Thursday

5:00 Male Choir Rehearsal  
5:30 Ushers' Instruction  
6:30 Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal

## Aug 3 - Friday

6:00 Liturgical Dance Ministry  
Rehearsal-Sanc.  
6:00 PRIVATE EVENT

## Aug 4 - Saturday

7:30 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
"Dare to Be Uncommon"  
12:00 Quilting / Knitting Class - Rm 2159  
12:00 N.A. (Narcotics Anonymous) - BC  
2:30 Contemporary Christian Chorale  
3:00 Board of Deacons meeting

## Aug 5 - Sunday

8:15 Dawn Seekers Class - FH  
9:30 Sunday Church School  
TABS-Truth Applied Bible Series (3  
Classes)  
11:00 Morning Worship (Lord's Supper)  
11:00 Children's Church  
1:30 Group #7  
6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) - BC

## Aug 6 - Monday

3:00 HOPE Diabetic Class  
4:30 Prayer Partners - Quiet Room  
6:00 Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting - Rm  
2152

## Aug 7 - Tuesday

ELECTION DAY  
6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous)- BC

## Aug 8 - Wednesday

6:00 Teachers' Bible Study - Rm 2161  
7:00 Prayer & Praise

## Aug 9 - Thursday

5:00 Male Choir Rehearsal  
6:30 Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal

## Aug 10 - Friday

4:45 Girl Scouts (Troop #1261)  
G-3  
6:00 Liturgical Dance Ministry  
Rehearsal-Sanc.

## Aug 11 - Saturday

7:30 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
"Dare to Be Uncommon"  
12:00 Knitting / Quilting Class - Rm 2159  
12:00 N.A. (Narcotics Anonymous) - BC

## Aug 12 - Sunday

8:15 Dawn Seekers Class - FH  
9:30 Sunday Church School  
TABS-Truth Applied Bible Series (3  
Classes)  
11:00 Morning Worship (Baptism)  
1:30 Health Ministry  
1:30 GROUP #15 - Rm 2173  
1:30 GROUP #2/16  
6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) - BC

## Aug 13 - Monday

10:00 AARP Chapter 4803  
3:00 HOPE Diabetic Class  
4:30 Prayer Partners - Quiet Room  
6:00 PRIVATE EVENT  
6:00 Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting - Rm  
2152

## Aug 14 - Tuesday

6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous)- BC

## Aug 15 - Wednesday

6:00 Teachers' Bible Study - Rm 2161  
7:00 Prayer & Praise

## Aug 16 - Thursday

5:00 Male Choir Rehearsal  
6:30 Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal

## Aug 17 - Friday

4:45 Girl Scouts (Troop #1261)  
G-3  
6:00 Liturgical Dance Ministry -Sanc.

## Aug 18 - Saturday

7:30 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
"Dare to Be Uncommon"  
8:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL RETREAT

## Aug 19 - Sunday

8:15 Dawn Seekers Class - FH  
9:00 Sunday Church School  
11:00 Morning Worship (Baby Dedication)  
1:30 GROUP #1 (Chapel)  
1:30 GROUP #4  
1:30 GROUP #10/21 (Morris Room)  
1:30 GROUP #12 (Wilcoxson)  
1:30 GROUP #25  
1:30 GROUP #29  
6:00 MARR-O-NOTS  
6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) - BC

## Aug 20 - Monday

3:00 HOPE Diabetic Class  
4:30 Prayer Partners - Quiet Room  
6:00 Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting - Rm  
2152  
6:00 Board of Deacons meeting

## Aug 21 - Tuesday

6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous)- BC

## Aug 22 - Wednesday

6:00 Teachers' Bible Study - Rm 2161  
7:00 Prayer & Praise

## Aug 23 - Thursday

11:00 MEMORIAL SERVICE -  
Georgia Smith  
5:00 Male Choir Rehearsal  
5:30 Ushers' Instruction  
6:30 Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal

## Aug 24 - Friday

6:00 Liturgical Dance Ministry  
Rehearsal-Sanc.

# Event Schedule

(ALL Deacons' Groups and Bible Study Classes will resume in October)

## Aug 25 - Saturday

7:30 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
9:00 CLAIMING OUR JERUSALEM/  
BACK TO SCHOOL RALLY  
12:00 N.A. (Narcotics Anonymous) - BC

## Aug 26 - Sunday

8:15 Dawn Seekers Class - FH  
9:00 Sunday School Prayer Breakfast  
9:30 Sunday Church School  
(PROMOTION SUNDAY)  
TABS-Truth Applied Bible Series (3  
Classes)  
11:00 Morning Worship  
1:30 Group #19 - Wilcoxson  
1:30 Group #6/23  
1:30 Group #24 - Morris Rm  
1:30 Group #26/28  
4:00 PASTOR at MESSIAH BAPTIST  
CHURCH, Grand Rapids, MI  
6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) - BC

## Aug 27 - Monday

3:00 HOPE Diabetic Class  
4:30 Prayer Partners - Quiet Room

6:00 Troop #97 Boy Scout Meeting - Rm  
2152

## Aug 28 - Tuesday

6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous)- BC

## Aug 29 - Wednesday

6:00 Teachers' Bible Study - Rm 2161  
7:00 Prayer & Praise

## Aug 30 - Thursday

5:00 Male Choir Rehearsal  
5:30 Ushers' Instruction  
6:30 Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal

## Aug 31 - Friday

4:45 Girl Scouts (Troop #1261)  
G-3  
6:00 Liturgical Dance Ministry -Sanc.

## Sep 1 - Saturday

7:30 Minister's Meeting - FH

10:00 Leadership Council - MR  
12:00 Knitting / Quilting Class - Rm 2159  
12:00 N.A. (Narcotics Anonymous) - BC  
12:00 Board of Christian Education  
1:00 Board of Deacons/Deaconess

## Sep 2 - Sunday

8:15 Dawn Seekers Class - FH  
9:30 Sunday Church School  
TABS-Truth Applied Bible Series (3  
Classes)  
11:00 Morning Worship (Lord's Supper)  
6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) - BC

## Sep 3 - Monday

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY  
(Church Closed)

## Sep 4 - Tuesday

6:00 A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous)- BC

FH - Fellowship Hall  
BC - Beechwood Campus

## Prayer & Praise

### August 1

Minister & Disciples  
Rev. Johnnie Green, II

### August 8th

Missionary Society  
Sister Meritha Johnson

### August 15th

Tabernacle Choir & Male Choir  
Sister Darnetta Banks

### August 22nd

Bus Ministry  
Deacon John Crew, Jr.

### August 29th

Sorosis Guild  
Sister Sharon Ruff-Fugget

## Fellowship Hour

### August 12

Hospitality Committee  
Sister Dorothy Sikes

### August 19

Group #15  
Deacon Theron Harley

### August 26

Group #4  
Deacon Emanuel Haley

### September 9

Optimist & Health Ministry  
Sisters Shirley Tolliver & Voncile Brown-Miller

# What's Happening

**"Dare to Be Uncommon"**  
Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am - 8:30 am  
(Morris Room) - Sat., Aug. 4, 11, 18, 2012

.....Aug 4

**Sunday Church School Teacher's Retreat**  
Saturday, August 18, 2012 - 8am to 4pm

.....Aug 18

**Claiming Our Jerusalem/Back to School Rally** - Saturday, August 25, 2012 @ 9:00 a.m.

.....Aug 25

**Sunday Church School Prayer Breakfast**  
Sunday, August 26 - 9 am

.....Aug 26

**Pastor Johnson Preaches**  
40th Pastoral Anniversary of Dr. Clifton Rhodes Jr.,  
Sunday, August 26, 2012 @ 4:00pm, Messiah Baptist Church, 513 Henry Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI (Buses leave immediately after service. See Sis. Donna Kitchen for more information and to sign up to ride the Deluxe Motor Coach.

.....Aug 26

**National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.**  
Atlanta, GA - Monday, Sept. 3 - Friday, Sept. 7, 2012

.....Sep 3

**Tastefest VII (Group #24)**  
Saturday, September 15, 5 - 8 pm, Volunteer Chefs are Needed!! Our chefs will be men of Tabernacle (for tickets or if interested in being a chef, see Trustee Kerry Caliman)

.....Sep 15

**Loyalty Sunday**  
Sunday, September 16

.....Sep 16

**Christian Education Week**

Monday, September 17 thru Friday, September 21, 2012

.....Sep 17

**Super Saturday**  
Saturday, September 22, 2012

.....Sep 22

**Usher Anniversary**  
Sunday, September 23, 2012

.....Sep 23

**Love & Respect Class**  
Saturday, September 29, 2012

.....Sep 29

**Sing-a-Rama - Group #10**  
Sunday, October 14, 2012, 5:00 pm

.....Oct 14

## Weekly Bible Study

**Weekly Bible Study Classes will resume in the fall of 2012 unless otherwise noted**

### Sunday

8:15 am.....Dawnseekers Class (FH)  
9:30 am.....Believer's Baptism Class (CDC)  
9:30 am..... Sunday Church School (All Ages)  
The Truth Applied Bible Series (T.A.B.S.)  
9:30 am.....New Member's Class (2153)

### Wednesday

6:00 pm..... Teacher's Bible Study (2159)

*A charge to keep I have – a God to glorify, who gave His Son my soul to save and fit it for the sky.*

*To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill – O may it all my pow'rs engage to do my Master's will!*

*Arm me with jealous care, as in Thy sight to live; and O Thy servant, Lord, prepare a strict account to give!*

*Help me to watch and pray, and on Thyself rely; and let me ne'er my trust betray, but press to realms on high.*

Shalom!

Pastor Nathan Johnson, D.D., Senior Pastor

*\*This article was originally published in our March Newsletter 2010.*

Osbeck, K. W. (1990). *Amazing grace : 366 inspiring hymn stories for daily devotions. Includes indexes.* (309). Grand Rapids, Mich.: Kregel Publications.

## Ending Your Conversation About Christ 12 in 2012 I.P.W.I.

Your conversation about Christ must not end like any other conversation you have with the person to whom you have been a witness.

We know that with the high rate of illiteracy in our community, just saying, "Please read this tract," or some particular Bible verse, may be a request which the person is unable to perform. Additionally, many people need a further explanation of material that they are able to read. A phrase, a short Scripture, or some other statement from you that they can recall is frequently far more valuable. Sometimes, even the attempt to end the conversation in spoken prayer is not effective, simply because the person is not ready to receive it.

Of course, where you are and to whom you have been witnessing will affect the manner in which you end the conversation, but your ending must be God focused and Christ centered.

In your pre-planning, following your prayer, meditation and fervent request of the Holy Spirit, you may be led to formulate meaningful short benedictions, such as:

- "You can be sure God will bless us for this time we have been talking about Jesus Christ."
- "I will be praying that the Lord will enable us to continue this conversation soon."
- "Please think about our conversation today. Just ask God to bless you with understanding."
- "This conversation has been helpful to me already and I will be praying that as you reflect upon it, it will also be helpful to you."
- "God knows we have been talking about Him, and my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I will be praying that the next time we talk, God will know we were also talking about Christ, your Lord and Savior."
- "My prayer for you is that you will be inspired to seek the Lord with all your heart."
- "Let's just end this conversation today by saying, 'Thank you God, for this conversation.' "

It is not necessary for you to schedule the next conversation! Just ask the Holy Spirit to arrange your next encounter and to prepare you for it.

We encourage you to IDENTIFY, PRAY, WITNESS, & INVITE (IPWI) 12 unsaved persons in 2012 to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

# Get Connected

Introducing an additional opportunity to study the Word!

## T.A.B.S.

The Truth Applied Bible Series (T.A.B.S.) will examine everyday issues and how to apply the principles of God's Word to our life. In addition to the International Sunday School Lesson, the Church School will provide quarterly T.A.B.S. as an option for the engaged student. Look for registration information soon. Classes begin October 2011.

## IMPORTANT!!!!

ALL Announcements you would like to submit for publishing in the Monthly Newsletter **MUST BE SUBMITTED** to the Clerk's Office or e-mailed to [ftaylor@tmbcdetroit.org](mailto:ftaylor@tmbcdetroit.org) 45 days prior to the event.

## JOIN THE DANCE MINISTRY

Praise the Lord with your BODY, Mind and Spirit. The Dance Ministry rehearses on Fridays at 6:00 p.m. Call Church Office for more details.

## PRAYER REQUEST BOXES

can be found outside of the Sampson Chapel and in the Vestibule of the church. You may also email your prayer requests to [prayer@tmbcdetroit.org](mailto:prayer@tmbcdetroit.org)

## DO YOU KNOW A "SHUT IN" who would like a visitation?

Leave a message for Group #10 with the Church Office

## COMING SOON... to H.O.P.E.

(Helping Operations for People Empowerment) Mini Market with fresh fruits and vegetables to complement our Bakery. For more information call 313-897-5503

## ONLINE GIVING

may be the right opportunity for you! Take your contribution today "ONLINE" at [www.tmbcdetroit.org](http://www.tmbcdetroit.org). This is a great way to help your church. Try it today!!!

## QUILTING & KNITTING

Learn to make precious items & gifts for friends and fellowship at the same time. Every Saturday at 12 noon in Room 2159. BRING No. 8 knitting needles, worsted wool yarn & scissors

## REMINDER

All "First Saturday Meetings" (Leadership Council, Ministers, Deacons, etc.) will be held on the Saturday BEFORE the 1st Sunday.

## MOM 2 MOM

For information please email Sis. Johnson at [sisterj@tmbcdetroit.org](mailto:sisterj@tmbcdetroit.org) or Dr. Kimberly Elyse at [kelyse@tmbcdetroit.org](mailto:kelyse@tmbcdetroit.org)

## IT'S TIME TO A C T !

Please complete the Membership Registration Card and drop it in the marked boxes outside of the Sanctuary doors. Call the Church Clerk's Office if you have any questions.

## ENDOWMENT FUND!

The Endowment Program was established with a two-fold purpose:

- 1) to increase parishioner awareness of the long-term financial needs of the church, and

- 2) to lay the groundwork to sustain our church in perpetuity. This program is open to all gifts of any size and most forms of giving. An endowment gift is one of the most important aspects of stewardship, as it is investment in the future. Contact the Church Office for additional information.

## WORSHIP ARTS MINISTRY

Tabernacle Choir - Women & Girls' Choir - Cherub (Children's) Choir, Men's Choir - One Liturgical Dance - Drama - Contemporary Christian Chorale - TNT Steppers - Mime  
CALL Church Office for rehearsal times

## BOOKSTORE

Make OUR Bookstore - YOUR Bookstore Gift Certificates - Gifts - Specialty Items. Please Call 313.899.8935 for our Hours. Open Sundays before & after service.

## COMPUTER LAB USAGE

Please treat the computers in the computer lab with care, do not change anything (e.g. desktop wallpaper, home page, etc.) Please report any problems or concerns to Deacon Clarke at 313-898-3325. Thank you.

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Pastor will recognize ALL birthdays & anniversaries on the 4th Sunday of each month ONLY! (These observances will still be a part of the Sunday video presentation and still showing weekly, just not acknowledged)

## INQUIRING MINDS . . .

There are Surveys online for the Evangelism Ministry and the Health Ministry. Please Participate!  
Go to [www.tmbcdetroit.org](http://www.tmbcdetroit.org)

## H.O.P.E. 1st Sunday Café

presents Sunday Dinner Fund Raiser @ Tabernacle Community Center \* 6125 Beechwood from 2 pm - 5 pm, Sunday, August 5, and Sunday, September 9  
Please RSVP @ 313-897-5503 by Wednesday before the dinner for menu and to place your order.

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

### CULINARY ARTS MINISTRY

needs volunteers!! Please call the Events Coordinator!!

### USHERS' MINISTRY

Please contact the church office or give your contact information to any usher.

### Tab/HOPE S.A.Y. YES!

Volunteers needed - Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm. For more information contact the HOPE office at (313-897-5503 or [hope@tmbcdetroit.org](mailto:hope@tmbcdetroit.org)).

### BIG SISTERS' MINISTRY

provides child care during worship services for children ages 2½-5. If you are looking for an opportunity to share your gift or talent, please consider providing love and care to these children of God. Call Church Office.

### DOOR MONITORS NEEDED

Contact Deacon Theron Harley @ 313-898-3325

### NURSES NEEDED

Male & Female - contact the church office @ 313-898-3325

### BUS DRIVERS NEEDED!!!

#### THE REQUIREMENTS:

- \* A serving heart (bringing our seniors to church on Sundays)
- \* Drive (1) Sunday a month
- \*\* GOOD DRIVING RECORD (verified with state)

#### The contacts:

Dea. U. Hunter or Sis. Marguerite Winn  
Call Church Office @ 313.898.3325

### NURSES NEEDED

Male & Female - contact the church office @ 313-898-3325

### THE CLOTHING DEN

at the Beechwood Campus is fully stocked. We will not be accepting any more items until after December 1, 2012. At that time we would like to receive winter clothing. Thank you for your support and previous donations

### BACK 2 SCHOOL DONATIONS \*VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of School Supplies including but not limited to: back packs, student calculators, small staplers, pencil sharpeners, erasers, pencils, pens, rulers, spiral notebook, loose leaf paper & crayons. A packing party will be announced soon!!!

# Sick & Shut In

ARNOLD, Deaconess Viola  
ATKINSON, Sis. Johnnie Mae  
ATKINSON, Sis. Susie  
BEASLEY, Sis. Oveda  
BENNETT, Bro. Roland  
BERYL-BANKS, Sis. Cynthia  
BOWEN, Sis. Ardenia  
BROOKS, Sis. Dorothy  
BROWN, Sis. Katherine M.  
BRUNSON, Bro. Todd  
BURKE, Bro. Louis & Sis. Verna  
BUSCH, Bro. Leon  
BYAS, Sis. Flora  
COLLINS, Sis. Janie  
COLLINS, Sis. Ruth  
DONALDSON, Sis. Willie B.  
GALE, Jr., Bro. Sheady  
GALTNEY, Sis. Maxine  
GEORGE, Deacon John  
GILCHRIST, Sis. Doris  
GORDON, Bro. Walker  
GRAY, Bro. James  
GREEN, Sis. Pamela  
HAMLIN, Sis. Eugenia  
HARRIS, Bro. Charlie  
HICKS, Rev. Dr. Gwendolyn  
HICKS, Sis. Mary  
HINES, Sis. Bernadine  
HOWARD, Sis. Mary  
HUNTER, Sis. Mary  
JOHNSON, Sis. Ruby  
JONES, Sis. Bernice  
JONES, Sis. Helen  
JONES, Sis. Jennie  
JORDAN, Sis. Georgie  
LINEBARGER, Deaconess Nazell  
LYNCH, Sis. Willie B.  
MANGRUM, Sis. Willie Belle  
MAYFIELD, Dr. Jean  
McKEE, Sis. Johnnie M.  
McNEIL, Dr. Pearl Walker  
McNEIL, Sis. Pecie  
MILLENDER, Sis. Sara  
MILLENER, Bro. Michael  
MORRIS, Sis. Dorothy  
NEAL, Bro. James  
NEAL, Sis. Lois  
NORRIS, Sis. Leola  
PITTMAN, Sis. Juanita  
PRUITT, Sis. Bessie  
RANDALL, Sis. Jessie  
ROBERTS, Sis. Mildred  
STRINGER, Sis. Patricia  
TERRY, Sister Elve  
THOMAS, Sis. Margaret  
WARREN, Bro. Bruce  
WARREN, Sis. Thelma  
WASHINGTON, Rev. Mary  
WOODS, Sis. Naomi  
WOODSON, Sis. Mattie

## Our Deepest Condolences for the month of July are extended to...

Sister Sheree Edwards & family for the loss of her father, Brother John Travis Edwards Jr., who was the brother of Deaconess Yvonne Gillespie & Sister Doris Berry

Rev. Miller Adams & Deaconess Etta Adams & family for the loss of their son, Brother Kevin LaVern Adams

Brother Frady & Sister Joyce Phillips & family for the loss of her father, Deacon Levi Wooten who also the uncle of Brother John Hill

Deacon Frank & Sister Tonya Adams & family for the loss of her grandmother Sister Jane Bernoudy

Brother Jerry & Trustee Joann Neal & family for the loss of her brother, Brother Herman Scarborough

Brother Robert & Sister Winifred Parker & family for the loss of her brother, Brother William Killian

The family of Brother Robert J. Gayle

Deacon Samuel & Deaconess Katie Johnson & family for the loss of their nephew, Brother Samuel Lockhart

Sister Ruth Moore & family for the loss of her mother, Sister Georgia Thomas Smith

Sister Bertha Green & family for the loss of her stepmother, Sister Ann Noble

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Every Sunday

Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Church School ..... 9:30 a.m.

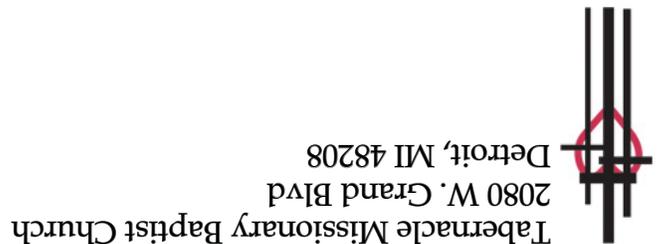
Big Sisters - children 2-1/2 - 5 yrs - C.D.C ..... 11:00 a.m.

Celebration of Holy Communion • Every 1st Sunday (11:00 a.m.)

Baptism • Every 2nd Sunday (11:00 a.m.) ..... Dedication of Babies • Every 3rd Sunday (11:00 a.m.)

Children's Worship Celebration • Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday (11:00 a.m.)

Family Bible Study • Every Tuesday (6:30 p.m.) will resume in the fall of 2012



# Ministry Outreach

## Hope Comes to the Neighborhood With Tab's Fun-Filled 'Back-to-School Rally'

*Highly Anticipated Annual Event Set for Aug. 25*

When it comes to seasonal expressions, "back-to-school" is a powerful one. It conjures up images of new book bags, fresh notebooks, carefully creased uniforms, and special outfits laid out days in advance.

Even adults who strain a bit to recall long-ago school days may remember back-to-school sensations like "butterflies." That's the dreaded stomach churning which strikes when youngsters look up from summer play long enough to discover THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL looming large on the horizon.

At Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, "back-to-school" means something else. It means virtually all church ministries are teaming up to host the annual *Back-to-School Rally*. Tab's biggest community outreach event of August -- last year, the rally attracted more than 600 participants -- features food, fun, and a smile-drenched fellowship.

Set for Saturday, Aug. 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the *Back-to-School Rally* returns this year to a specially prepared lot at Wildemere and Montgomery. The site has become the chosen spot whenever

Tab members and their westside neighbors get together for an important cause. The lot is located directly across from beloved neighborhood fixture Whitlow's Barber-shop. The spruced-up field also serves as community headquarters for one of Tab's other big summer events, "Claiming Our Jerusalem," held every year in May.

"Over the past five years, the *Back-to-School Rally* has evolved to the point where it really involves all the ministries of the church," said Rev. Joy Davis, associate Tab minister who spearheads the *Back-to-School Rally*.

"Church members participate in a number of ways, including directly giving of themselves by working during this outreach or in the preparation leading up to it. Tab ministries also donate scores of new book bags and other supplies which are passed out at the rally, or they give money to help buy the materials."

### Many Hands Make Light Work

Rev. Davis said individual Tab workers wind up wearing multiple hats in the *Back-to-School* effort. Some volunteers work in the kitchen on the day of the event, only



days after they helped stuff book bags with ink pens, calculators, rulers, and other school supplies. Those same volunteers often have also donated supplies or money to the cause.

The packing party during the week leading up to the *Back-to-School Rally* features volunteers spending hours filling donated book bags to the brim with loose-leaf paper, spiral notebooks, pencils, pens, rulers, calculators, and more. Members of the Tabernacle Optimist Club, led by Deacon Delbert Fails and Sis. Shirley Tolliver, donate bicycles for the special bike giveaway portion of the rally. That giveaway follows an important presentation on bike safety. Sis. Gloria Whittington of Tabernacle's Clothing Den heads up an initiative which makes clothes available for families that can use them.

"CVS Pharmacy helps out by providing free shots, and members of the Henry Ford Hospital Nurses Association do blood pressure screenings," said Rev. Davis. "The free medical clinic of Covenant Care and the Black Nurses Association deliver information and services.

"Of course, we always benefit from hamburgers and other products from McDonald's franchises owned by Tab member Sis. Debra Virgils. And the Better Made Company provides potato chips."

Carnival rides and a dunk tank are among favorite attractions for young rally participants.

"We feel blessed to have our longtime volunteers, and we thank God for all the new volunteers we know will come out, then roll their sleeves up, and start working," said Rev. Davis "most kitchen volunteers are veterans of past rallies and benefit from years of experience."

Tab's *Back-to-School Rally* started about 10 years ago, when the church was on Beechwood and Milford. When the church moved to 2080 W. Grand Blvd., the rally initially was held in the church's parking lot and fellowship hall. A few years ago, Rev. Davis said, Pastor Nathan Johnson, *Senior Pastor of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church*, told her he wanted to expand the effort and bring the rally directly to Tab's surrounding neighborhood.

"With that decision by Pastor Johnson, I believe we now are pouring even more of the love of Jesus into this community," said Rev. Davis. "Relationships are being forged, and every year the rally just gets better and better."

Pastor Johnson noted that reaching out to youth helps fulfill an important mandate all Christians have.

"We are charged as Christians to express the love of Jesus Christ not only in words but in deed," Pastor Johnson said. "The *Back-to-School Rally* is another opportunity we have as a church to be a blessing in the community through sharing, particularly with the youth in the





community.

“Tabernacle has a long history of being a generous church in terms of working to be expressions of Jesus’ love. As we reflect on that legacy, we are motivated to expand that legacy by being a blessing to the children of the community.”

### **The Education/Spirituality Connection**

The impact of the rally goes beyond filled stomachs, gift bags, and all-around fun, Rev. Davis said. She recalls one overwhelming response after the Puppet Ministry performed. Thirteen people lined up, raised their hands, and stepped forward as candidates for baptism. Later that month, an entire family which participated in the rally was baptized together, and family members are still active today.

“That shows the effect of what we do in the community and how it spreads the love of Christ,” noted Rev. Davis. “We really see outward expressions of inward change.”

The *Back-to-School Rally* takes on added significance because of the upheaval surrounding Detroit’s schools. Closures, mergers, transportation challenges, an economic crisis, political battles, and other issues tend to erode the stability young people need, Rev. Davis said.

“It’s a challenge when you consider what’s happening with the educational system, and it definitely affects children’s attitudes towards education,” said Rev. Davis. “Sometimes, you have groups

fighting over this and that, and young people can feel pushed aside. With this ministry opportunity, we are trying to get them fired up, rallied up. We believe that with the supplies, the services, and the attention, we can help reignite the determination to get an education. A backpack full of shiny new supplies can give them a little incentive.”

Rev. Davis added that the synthesis of spirituality and education helps spur achievement in youths.

“We look forward to another wonderful rally,” said Rev. Davis. “But we know if we don’t infuse the education with spirituality, none of that will work. On the other hand, if we combine the two of them together – education and spirituality – it’s unstoppable. That’s when we have the success stories in Detroit that many people don’t know about.”

She urges Tab members to donate book bags, notebooks, pens, calculators, and other supplies. She also encourages them to sign up as volunteers. Members can sign up in the cloak room beginning in the first week of August.

*written by Deacon Danton Wilson*

*For more information, to make donations, or to volunteer for the Tabernacle Back-to-School Rally, call (313) 898-3325.*

# Back-to-School Rally 2011



- Special Ministry Pull-Out Section -