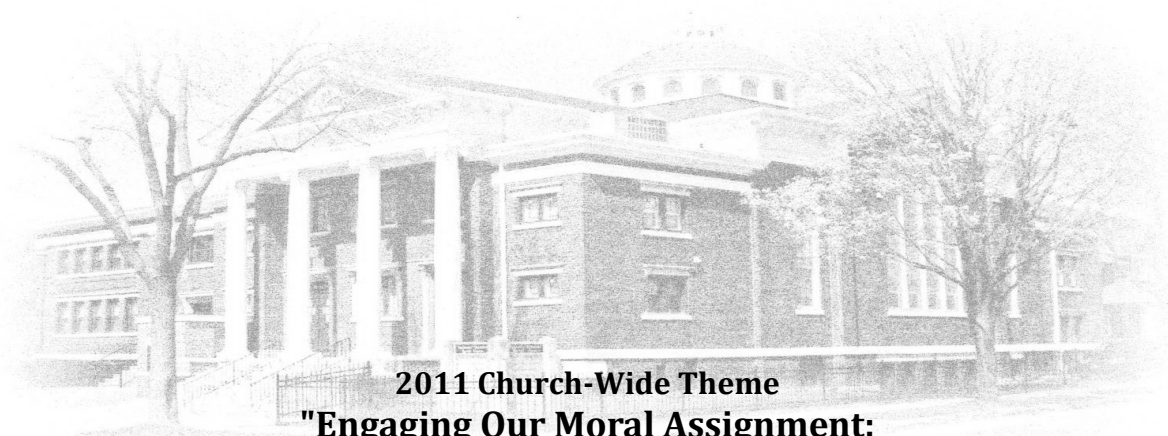


CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

DECEMBER 18, 2011

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



2011 Church-Wide Theme
**"Engaging Our Moral Assignment:
Proclaiming Release and Recovery"**
Isaiah 58:6; 61:1-2; and Luke 4:18-19

TABERNACLE COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
2500 WEST MEDFORD AVENUE
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53206
THE REVEREND DON DARIUS BUTLER, M.DIV., PASTOR

WELCOME TO TABERNACLE COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

A preaching, teaching, healing community of faith Matt. 4:23

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in our worship, program and service life.

Our Sunday Worship Schedule

7:45 A.M. CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP (2ND & 4TH SUNDAY)

9:00 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL & DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

10:30 A.M. CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

10:30 A.M. BAPTISM & COMMUNION (1ST SUNDAY)

10:30 A.M. INFANT DEDICATION (2ND SUNDAY)

10:30 A.M. RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP (3RD SUNDAY)

Church School Education for all ages - Class Locations

Adult - sanctuary, overflow, lower level

Young Adult - parsonage

Youth - level two and gym

Children - level two and nursery

Children's Worship - lower level

TIPS FOR GROWTH SCHEDULE

(TABERNACLE IN PRAYER & STUDY)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2011

PRAYER 6:30 P.M.—7:00 P.M.

Prayer Leader: Rev. Donna Childs

Devotions: Deacons Lawrence Lewis & Reacy Armstrong

ADULT BIBLE STUDY/AWANA (CHILDREN AND YOUTH)

7:00 P.M.—8:30 P.M.

Pastor Don Darius Butler, Facilitator

*Stand as you are able

***Worshippers may enter.

Respectfully silence pagers, cellular phones
and similar devices while in the Sanctuary.

TABERNACLE AT WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE, LET ALL THE EARTH KEEP SILENT BEFORE HIM

THE MINISTRY OF PREPARATION: THE GATHERING
CENTERING AND MEDITATION: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

THE CALL TO WORSHIP*

The Reverend Don Darius Butler

HYMN OF ENTREATY*

"We Have Come Into This House"

We have come into this house, gathered in His name to worship Him.
We have come into this house, gathered in His name to worship Him.
We have come into this house, gathered in His name to worship Christ the Lord.
Worship Him, Jesus Christ the Lord.

So forget about yourself, concentrate on Him and worship Him.
So forget about yourself, concentrate on Him and worship Him.
So forget about yourself, concentrate on Him and worship Christ the Lord.
Worship Him, Jesus Christ the Lord.

Let us lift up holy hands, magnify His name and worship Him.
Let us lift up holy hands, magnify His name and worship Him.
Let us lift up holy hands, magnify His name and worship Christ the Lord.
Worship Him, Jesus Christ the Lord.

LIGHTING OF FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Mother Audry Gaynor & Barbara Pleasant

We light this candle as a symbol of purity.
May the visitation of your Holy Spirit,
O God, purify us that we may be ready for
the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy.
O Come, O come, Emmanuel!

THE INVOCATION

Deacon Charles Snowden

SUNG RESPONSE*

"His Name Is Wonderful"

His name is wonderful, His name is wonderful,
His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.
He is the mighty King, master of everything,
His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.
He's the Great Shepherd, The Rock of all ages,
Almighty God is he,
Bow down before Him, Love and adore Him,
His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.

TABERNACLE AT WORSHIP

RESPONSIVE READING*

Kathi Jenkins

"LOVE"

Leader: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

People: **My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.**

Leader: Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

People: **And over all these virtues put on love which binds them all together in perfect unity.**

Leader: If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or clanging cymbal.

People: **If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.**

Leader: If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

People: **Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.**

Leader: Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

All: **Love never fails. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.**

TABERNACLE AT WORSHIP

MORNING HYMN*

“Love Lifted Me”

I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more,
But the Master of the sea, heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me, now safe am I.

All my heart to Him I give, ever to Him I'll cling
In His blessed presence live, ever His praises sing,
Love so mighty and so true, merits my soul's best songs,
Faithful, loving service too, to Him belongs.

Souls in danger look above, Jesus completely saves,
He will lift you by His love, out of the angry waves.
He's the Master of the sea, billows His will obey,
He your Savior wants to be, be saved today.

*Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help
Love lifted me!*

GREETING & LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY

Georgette Lawson

PASTORAL EMPHASIS & PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor Butler

CHORAL MUSIC

The Male Chorus

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD: READING & PROCLAMATION OF HOLY SCRIPTURES

A READING FROM 2 SAMUEL 7:1-11, 16

Deacon Reacy Armstrong

A READING FROM PSALM 88:1-4, 19-26

Rena Sprewer

A READING FROM LUKE 1:26-38*

The Reverend Grace Belin

CHORAL RESPONSE*

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Trustee Gloria Pitchford-Nicholas

TABERNACLE AT WORSHIP

CHORAL MUSIC

The Male Chorus

THE SERMON

Pastor Butler

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD: INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE INVITATION*

“O, How He Loves You and Me”

Oh, how He loves you and me,
Oh, how He loves you and me,
He gave His life, what more could He give;
Oh, how He loves me,
Oh, how He loves me,
Oh, how He loves you and me.

Jesus to Calv'ry did go,
His love for all He did show;
What He did there brought hope from despair:
Oh, how He loves me,
Oh, how He loves me,
Oh, how He loves you and me.

PASTORAL PRAYER*

The Reverend Donna Childs

FROM WORSHIP TO WITNESS: THE SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

PARTING SONG*

“God Be With You

God be with you, God be with you
God be with you, 'til we meet again
God be with you, God be with you
God be with you, until we meet again

If we never more shall meet
If we never more shall greet
God, be with you, 'til we meet again
Keep on working for the Master
He'll be with you here and after
God be with you, until we meet again

SENDING FORTH & BENEDICTION*

Pastor Butler

A PASTORAL WORD FOR ADVENT

Beloved, I write to express appreciation to the planning committee for "No Child Without a Christmas." This year's outreach initiative provided more than one hundred and fifty gifts for children in our neighboring community. All gifts were donated by members of our congregation. Again, I thank you for your benevolence and generosity. Through this event, our church reaffirms a fundamental commitment to be in solidarity with others who stand in need of support, especially at this time of year. The leadership and participation for this year's outreach was phenomenal, and I should like to thank all who made this ministry event possible.

Next Sunday we celebrate the mystery and glory of the Holy Nativity. Our Christmas worship will begin at 9:00 am, without Sunday School. Then we gather to comfort families of homicide victims in a vigil on Friday, December 30, at 6:00 pm. On Saturday, December 31, we will host our annual Watch Night Fellowship & Worship beginning at 8:00 pm. Members will have an opportunity to share with each other during the fellowship time and center themselves upon God's presence and direction for the new year; worship will begin at 10:00 pm. Finally, we will transition to one service on January 1, 2012, at 10:00am. I hope that members are preparing for this change in our worship schedule and prayerful for the future of our ministry.

Have a wonderful week!

Advent, the beginning of the Church Liturgical Year, begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day, which is the Sunday nearest November 30, and ends on Christmas Eve (Dec 24). The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. Thus, Advent is far more than simply marking a 2,000 year old event in history. It is celebrating a truth about God, the revelation of God in Christ whereby all of creation might be reconciled to God. That is a process in which we now participate, and the consummation of which we anticipate.

Historically, the primary sanctuary color of Advent is purple. This is the color of penitence and fasting as well as the color of royalty to welcome the Advent of the King. The purple of Advent is also the color of suffering used during Lent and Holy Week. This points to an important connection between Jesus' birth and death. The nativity, the Incarnation, cannot be separated from the crucifixion. The purpose of Jesus' coming into the world, of the "Word made flesh" and dwelling among us, is to reveal God and His grace to the world through Jesus' life and teaching, but also through his suffering, death, and resurrection. To reflect this emphasis, originally Advent was a time of penitence and fasting, much as the Season of Lent and so shared the color of Lent.

OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN

HOME

Sis. Arza Armstrong	4064 N. 25th St.	53209
Sis. Lovell Bledsoe	4686 N. 76th St.	53218
Mo. Clara Gardner	3951 N. 14th St.	53206
Sis. Alzator (Corky) Fourston	2410 N. 25 th St.	53206
Sis. Lorraine Fields	3422 N. 40 th St.	53216
Sis. Addie Hodges	N79W16127 Longwood/Meno Falls	53051
Rev. John Hicks	2229 N. 36 th St.	53206
Bro. Odis Hill	4164 N. 62 nd St.	53216
Sis. Marie Lassiter	6460 N. 67 th St.	53223
Sis. Altha M. Myrick	6151 W. Bradley Rd.	53223
Bro. Stanley Patterson	4641 N. 27 th St.	53209
Bro. Dutchie Pugh	8113 W. Townsend	53222
Sis. Helen Christine Rogers	6345 W. Leon Tr.	53218
Sis. Beatrice Richardson	1304 W. Hadley St.	53206
Sis. Rosemary Triplett	5147 N. 28th St.	53209
Bro. Thomas Webb	1818 W Juneau Av.	53233

NURSING/CONVALESCENT HOME

Sis. Willie Mae Carthran	Golden Living Center	6735 W. Bradley Rd.	53223
Sis. Irma Jean James	Seven Oaks Rehab.	6263 N. Green Bay Av.	53209
Sis. Marvis Johnson	Mill Way N. H.	8534 W. Mill Rd.	53223
Sis. Eddie B. Jones	Golden Living	1300 W. Silver Spring	53220
Sis. Nora Moore	Birchwood	9632 W. Appleton	53225
Sis. Beverly Pitt	Bayside Manor	9020 N. Port Wash.	53223
Bro. Fred Williams	Golden Living Center	6735 W. Bradley Rd.	53223
Sis. Ida Williams	Golden Living Center	6735 W. Bradley Rd.	53233

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today	Fourth Sunday of Advent Children's Christmas program during Church School.
Dec. 21	TIPS for Growth 6:30 pm
Dec. 25	Christmas Day Worship 9:00 am
Dec. 28	Sound Ministry meeting/ Training 4:00-7:00 pm
Dec. 30	Candlelight Vigil for Homicide Victims 6:00 pm
Dec. 31	Watch Night Fellowship 8:00 pm; Worship begins at 10:00 pm *****
Jan. 1	New Year's Worship 10:00 am
Jan. 2	Office closed
Jan. 4	No TIPS for Growth
Jan. 7	Ushers Ministry Christmas Social @ the Radisson Hotel 6:00 pm
Jan. 11	TIPS for Growth Resumes
Jan. 14	Leadership Conclave 9:00am

LAY READERS

We are in the process of finalizing the church's list of lay readers for 2012. Lay readers lead various acts of worship in our Sunday and special weekday services. Members who are interested in becoming lay readers should call the church office to sign up. We are especially looking for children, youth and young adults. This is a wonderful opportunity to use your talents in the service of the Lord.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Thank you to all of the members of Church Women United. The Christmas Tea was a huge success. Your generous gifting supported the following agencies:

Children's Service
Society of Wisconsin

Hope House

Milwaukee County
Behavioral Health Division

Northcott Head Start

Project Return

Joy House

Safe Harbor

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TABERNACLE'S NEW WORSHIP TIMES

Beginning **Sunday, January 1, 2012** Tabernacle Community Baptist Church will observe the following worship schedule:

Sunday Schedule

8:30am-9:30am: Church School Classes
9:40am-9:50am: General Assembly
10:00am: The Celebration of Worship

Wednesday Schedule

5:30pm-6:25pm: Common Meal
6:30pm-8:30pm: TIPS for Growth
& Awana

Let's plan and prepare for this transition.

CHURCH TRIP TO NASHVILLE

Tabernacle has been invited to worship with Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church as they celebrate their 127th church anniversary. We are chartering a bus for the trip. We will leave on May 18, 2012, and return on May 20, 2012. If you would like to travel with us, please sign up with La Keisha Wright Butler after church today in the library. You may also call her at (262) 309-6203 to register. Deadline to register is December 18, 2011. Please register even if you do not plan to ride the bus.

USHER MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Ushers Ministry Christmas Social will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2012, at the Radisson Hotel Milwaukee West, 2303 North Mayfair Road from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$35.00 and you are invited to come and share an evening of dining, singing Christmas carols and gift exchange with friends and family.

USHER MINISTRY MEETING

The Ushers Ministry meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at 6:00 pm. Please plan to attend this very important meeting.

Nettie Sims

AWANA CLUB

The Awana Club members will share cookies and exciting fun during our club night on Wednesday, December 21st. We are asking parents to donate cookies for this event.

Awana will not have club meetings on 12/28/2011 or 01/04/2012. Enjoy your Christmas holiday and encourage your children and youth to come ready for some exciting, spiritual renewal for 2012.

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
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Pastoral Care Needs	414-217-8748

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