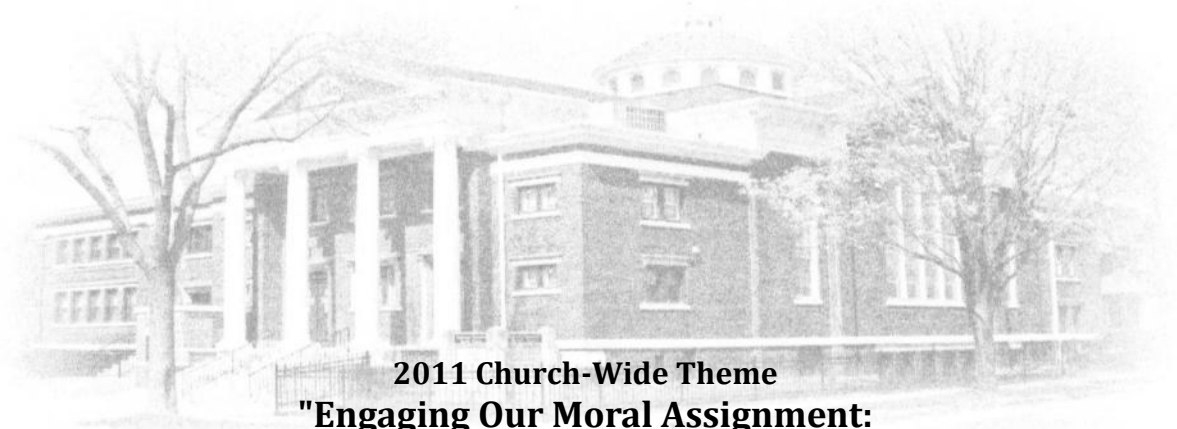


CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

IN HONOR OF THE HOLY NATIVITY

DECEMBER 25, 2011

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY



**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

8:30 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL & DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

10:00 A.M. CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

BAPTISM & COMMUNION (1ST SUNDAY)

INFANT DEDICATION (2ND SUNDAY)

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 28, 2011

ADULT BIBLE STUDY/AWANA (CHILDREN AND YOUTH)

On Christmas Break

*Stand as you are able

***Worshippers may enter.

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

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

THE MINISTRY OF PREPARATION: THE GATHERING

CENTERING AND MEDITATION: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

THE CALL TO WORSHIP*

The Reverend Don Darius Butler

HYMN OF ENTREATY*

"Jesus, the Light of the World"

Hark the herald angels sing,
Jesus, the light of the world.
Glory to the newborn king,
Jesus, the light of the world.

Christ by highest heaven adored,
Jesus, the light of the world.
Christ the everlasting Lord,
Jesus, the light of the world.

Joyful all ye nations rise,
Jesus, the light of the world.
Join the triumph of the skies,
Jesus, the light of the world.

Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace,
Jesus, the light of the world.
Hail the Son of righteousness,
Jesus, the light of the world.

*We'll walk in the light,
beautiful light,
come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright.
Shine all around us by day and by night;
Jesus, the light of the world.*

LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE

Deacon Michael Snowden & Family

*We light this candle in honor of the Savior's birth.
Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.
A light no darkness can extinguish.*

THE INVOCATION

Deacon Leotha Stanley

SUNG RESPONSE

"He Is Here"

He is here, Praise His name
He is Here, Worship Him
He is here, Magnify His name
Hallelujah, Hallelujah

TABERNACLE AT WORSHIP

RESPONSIVE READING*

Jakaiya Grant

"A LITANY FOR CHRISTMAS"

Leader: God of unimaginable love, on the first Christmas You became one of us.

People: We celebrate Your love for every person in every place and time.

Leader: God of all humanity, You offered Your Peace to anyone who would be satisfied with Your presence.

People: We celebrate Your Peace in Your Church and accept Your commission to share it in all the world.

Leader: God of the shepherds, You announced Your arrival among us to the poorest, the most humble.

People: We celebrate Your good news to each of us and to everyone, right here where we are.

Leader: God of the manger, You came to us through Your Son in a small and simple place.

People: We celebrate Your presence with us this day in this small place made glorious by Your being in it.

Leader: God of deliverance, You came to be one of us in order to deliver all of us.

People: We celebrate Your protection and mercy toward all who are sick or in trouble.

Leader: God of birth, when You became as we are, You opened Yourself to each of us, no matter who or what we are

People: We celebrate this day Your Kingdom and that we are welcome in it right now and always. Keep us close, now and in the life to come.

All: God of Christmas, bless us as we once again celebrate Your coming into Your creation. Amen.

TABERNACLE AT WORSHIP

MORNING HYMN*

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

*O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord*

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,
we would embrace thee with love and awe.
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?

Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning.
Jesus, to thee be all glory given
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

GREETING & LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY

Patrick Marion

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS & PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor Butler

CHORAL MUSIC

The Mass Choir

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

A READING FROM ISAIAH 62:6-12

Deacon Carl Ballard

A READING FROM PSALM 97

Linda Wilder

A READING FROM LUKE 2:8-20*

The Reverend Donna Childs

CHORAL RESPONSE*

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Trustee John Wesley

TABERNACLE AT WORSHIP

CHORAL MUSIC

The Mass Choir

THE SERMON

Pastor Butler

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD: INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE INVITATION*

Pastor Butler

PASTORAL PRAYER*

Pastor Butler

FROM WORSHIP TO WITNESS: THE SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

PARTING SONG*

“Joy To the World”

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

SENDING FORTH & BENEDICTION*

Pastor Butler

PASTOR'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE & LITURGICAL NOTES

Beloved, La Keisha and I extend warmest greetings of this holy season to you and your family. We are delighted to be a part of this community of faith, and celebrate the mystery of the incarnation with you in worship. Although we are far away from our families this Christmas, we feel a special kindred to you, our fellow members, and your families. We gladly join you in rejoicing about the gift God has given us through the birth of Jesus. While this season is filled with joy, we acknowledge the sadness, yes, even the loneliness, that accompanies this time for some of our member-families. Our thoughts and prayers are with members whose loved ones have died, and now celebrate Christmas without them. We know the pain of loss as well as the process of healing, and we lift you before the Lord for His comfort.

In addition, I should like to express my appreciation to the leadership and laity of our congregation for your faithful support of ministry this year. First, I am grateful for the associate clergy who have assisted me in public worship and increased their participation in other sacerdotal ministries. Second, I am indebted to the deacons who continue to provide pastoral support to members and ministries of this church. I am particularly grateful to those who join me on Fridays for regular visitations. Third, I thank the trustees for their hard work. Although they perform many of their duties behind the scenes, I appreciate the sacrifices they make each week to ensure proper stewardship of our resources. Fourth, I must thank all of the ministry leaders who have done so well leading their respective ministries. We have set high standards and they are well on their way to meeting them all. I look forward to working with them in 2012 to continue accomplishing great things for this church. Finally, I give thanks to God for the members of this church who willingly follow my leadership. Your support is phenomenal, and I am grateful. At this time of year, I wish you the best for all your endeavors. May God's favor rest upon you.

Merry Christmas!

Among all the festivals and holidays of the Christian Church year, Christmas remains the most observed and most popular. Christmas commemorates the birth of Jesus of Nazareth to a young maiden from Galilee. Theologically, Christmas is the celebration of the incarnation of God in Jesus the Christ, the self-revelation of God to the world in human form for the reconciliation of humanity to Himself. While we most often think about Christmas as a single day, it is actually a season of the year. The actual Christmas Season in most Western church traditions begins at sunset on Christmas Eve, December 24, and lasts through January 5. Since this time includes 12 days, the season of Christmas is known in many places as the Twelve Days of Christmas. January 6 is usually celebrated as Epiphany, although it carries different significance in various church traditions. The liturgical color for the Christmas season is white.

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. 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	Christmas Day Worship 9:00 am
Dec. 26	Office Closed
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. 6	Young Adults Ministry First Friday Fellowship
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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

NASHVILLE BUS TRIP UPDATE

The **estimated** cost of the trip (bus + hotel with 2 in a room) is \$163.73 per person. The deadline to make a final decision about whether you want to go to Nashville is **Sunday, January 15, 2012**. There is still room on the bus if you did not sign up previously. I will be in the library each Sunday to add or remove folks from the trip list.

La Keisha Wright Butler

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.

AWANA CLUB MINISTRY

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.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED DUES - 2012

If you want to pay your 2012 membership dues before March 2012, checks or money orders made payable to Church Women United may be sent to the new treasurer, Ernestine Harris, in January and February. Her address is 5061 N. 106 St., Milwaukee, WI 53225. If you do not wish to become a member of CWU you can still support the group with a \$15 supportive donation.

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
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Mr. Jonnie Johnson - Custodian	414-562-1129
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Pastoral Care Needs	414-217-8748

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The Reverend Phyllis Cain-Thornton - Associate Minister	414-562-1129
The Reverend Donna Childs - Associate Minister	414-807-7520
The Reverend Amanda Gray - Associate Minister	414-759-9767
The Reverend Berta Harrison - Associate Minister	414-562-1129
The Reverend Charles Nichols - Associate Minister	414-562-1129
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