“We’re Back With A New Zeal For GOD”

After a time of stagnation "The Tabernacle Informer" (TI) is launching again with a renewed zeal for our GOD and to the members and friends of the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Washington, District of Columbia.

With renewed inform our members and friends of how God is perfecting the saints, working the ministry and edifying the body of Christ through the ministries of the Tabernacle Baptist Church. Also, how to Serve the Lord with gladness, making a lasting impact upon the Christian and universal communities around us with the gospel message of Jesus Christ.

Our motto "Living out the Christ within" (Galatians 2:20 [N.V.] "I have been crucified with Christ and me no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me,") Let us know that we must share the gospel message of Christ with those in our life both in and out of our local church. Our logo also shows it. The cross which represent the vicarious atoning work of Christ on our behalf, and the crown which represent the Lordship of Christ over our lives. We are looking for God’s Blessings upon this ministry. We also want your help first by praying for us and second by participating with us. On occasion we may ask many of you to share your writing skills, please inform us concerning your likes and dislikes by putting comments in the church suggestion box. We will try to make TI informative, enjoyable but most of all spiritually enriching that we all may “Live out the Christ within.”

Mrs. Katherine Ligon has been affiliated with Tabernacle during the ministry of all five Pastors. She was baptized by Rev. John W. Bundrant, also Curtis and Katherine Ligon were the very first couple married by Rev. George L. Washington.
From The Pastor

By Rev. Dr. William B. Stroman, Sr.

Building On A Milestone

By the grace of God Tabernacle Baptist Church has reached another milestone as we celebrate our 95th Anniversary. We honor God for His faithfulness, and do praise Him for those faithful servants; who laid a firm foundation, whose faith became our birthmark and whose commitment became a spiritual pilgrimage. In the year 1911 Tabernacle was founded by consecrated saints whose commitment became a promise fulfilled. The past is prologue which now becomes our guide. We honor God because of His unfailing grace in discouragement; His love has been our joy in sorrow, His mercy has been our stay. We amplify from John Jackson’s book “The Name of God” where he writes “God’s wonder never changes, He is in control yesterday, today and forever.”

Tabernacle has unfolded their love and ministries to the community, becoming a “beacon of hope” to a lost world. To Amplify the Love of Christ, a number of humanitarian and community ministries have been launched 1) Prison, 2) Feeding the Hungry, 3) Neighborhood Evangelism, 4) Evening Tutoring, 5) Drug Ministry, and the 6) Literacy Teaching Ministry. The church is now embarking on establishing a 2 year Biblical Institute with an enhancement of becoming a full 4 year college degree program. Tabernacle has presented the gospel in drug locations known as “Drug Alley’s.” I (Dr. Stroman) consider biblical knowledge to be paramount and must be imparted no matter the age or status. I (Dr. Stroman) envision a “Bible Orientation Class” to be taught at St. Elizabeth’s Hospital for the mentally impaired. God’s grace can make a breakthrough. Our milestone has not been without contrary words and season’s of challenge from apostates of truth, yet we rejoice unto God which causes us to triumph in Christ, “For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord;” for God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness. Sharo Begley states in her book “The Hand of God” that “I believe in a sole eternal God who is motionless yet moves heaven with His love.”

Mrs. Stroman and I are grateful the opportunity to have been chosen to be Tabernacle’s servants. We are grateful for the prayerful support and the commitment of our congregation. We give special thanks to our official boards, to each member of the congregation for dedicated service for our Lord. We ask God that for seasons to come that we may be a continual blessings and honor His name.

In Christ

Rev. Dr. William B. Stroman, Sr.

Join Us On The Information Super Highway

Over the past several months a new ministry has been working hard to help bring Tabernacle along the way of this ever changing age of technology. The Communication-Information Technology And Audio Visual Ministry Committee (CITAV)

The CITAV Ministry Charge is to Oversee and coordinate Communication-Information and Audio Visual Ministries of the Tabernacle Baptist Church. The committee has been working on several projects which include: Communication Information Tools such as the Tabernacle Baptist Church Handbook, The Tabernacle Informer and The Youth Connection. Other projects include Electronic Information Technology Tools such as The Tabernacle Baptist Web Site (to be launched in mid October), Tabernacle In-Zone (e-letter for College Students) in conjunction with the Education Support Committee, The Tabernacle Informer Online, The Youth Connection Online and The Tabernacle Computer Lab. Come join us because there is a new address on the Information Super Highway travel the world wide web at: www.tabernaclebaptistchurch-dc.org.
Celebrating A Historic Milestone

It is with reverent thanksgiving to God for His lasting blessings and the knowledge that it is He who has kept us and brought us this far by faith. As we, the Tabernacle Family, celebrate the historic milestone of 95 years of faithful ministry to our God.

It is God's faithfulness that binds us in "the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." (Eph. 4:3). We give honor to our Lord and to the effective presence of the Holy Spirit for His steadfastness during these 95 years.

During these years, Tabernacle has been a "beacon of hope and a strong tower" in this community proclaiming that Jesus is Lord, and that God sent His beloved Son to redeem the world. We give unreserved praise for having been an instrument of His will to magnify His Word.

We are ever mindful of those who, 95 years ago, were founding fathers and many others whose labor of love helped to lay the foundation upon which we stand and who has left us a legacy of loyalty.

During the week of October 21st -through October 26th Tabernacle Baptist Church, one of the oldest established churches in the far north-east section of Washington. D.C. will celebrate its Ninety-fifth Anniversary. For ninety-five years this church has served as a beacon of Light in the Burrville North-East area of Washington giving out the "Good News" of the hope that is in Christ Jesus, feeding the hungry, helping those who seemingly have no hope and carrying out the ministry of the Church of Christ.

An exceptional committee has worked for many months to make this celebration one that will be pleasing unto the Lord and we thank them. The members of the 95th Anniversary Committee are: Sister Vivian B. Ortiz - Chairperson, Brother Bernard Mavritte - Co-Chairperson, Reverend Thomas S. Alston, Sister Emma Banks, Sister Jacqueline Clark, Deaconess Deborah L. Gardner, Trustee Cynthia Holley, Sister Marjorie Kornegay, Sister Georgia Mason, Sister Veronica Moore-Nelson, Sister Rosa C. Patterson, Trustee Hattie Ramseur, Sister Rita Robinson, Deaconess Paulette C. Rucker, Reverend Thomas G. Smith, Sister Cheryl D. Stancell, Deacon Bud Strong, Sister Helen Tyler, Sister Annie Vaughn and Deaconess Paula D. Watkins.

A Shinning Light

A Tabernacle Informer Interview With Brother Eric DeVant Sims

This Tabernacle SHINING LIGHT is one of the hardest working members of Tabernacle, Bro. Eric DeVant Sims. Bro. Sims is president of the Men's Ministry, sings in the Men's Chorus, is part of the Transportation Ministry, the Audio-Visual Ministry, has a Prison Ministry and is a published author of "Proverbs for the Prisoner just to mention a few of his activities. He is a loving husband and father.

The Tabernacle Informer (TI) asked Brother Sims (EDS) several questions. Here's what he had to say:

TI – You have been a part of the Tabernacle family since your youth. Your faith is important to you. How did you receive Jesus the Christ as Lord and Savior?

EDS - When I was about eighteen or so, I felt led to come forward at the end of a sermon by a youth pastor named Rev. William B. Stroman. He and I prayed together, and I was baptized shortly thereafter.

TI – Like many Christians there was a time when your commitment to Christ was not as strong as it should be. What
led you to dedicating your life to Christ?

EDS - Once I found myself alone inside a jail cell, within an underground dungeon in Baltimore, Maryland, it didn’t take long for me to realize how messed up my life was. I hurt a lot of people – people I’d professed to love. The Lord God penetrated that dark place. He heard my cries for help and brought me back to Himself. I’ve been His ever since that day back in October of 1991.

TI – Most of us at Tabernacle know you as a nice hardworking put everyone else first person. Has this quality always been a part of you?

EDS - No, I haven’t. For the greater part of my life I had been pretty selfish. I thank the Lord that He allowed me to spend those ten years in prison to so that I could learn what’s really important: God, His Word and the souls all around me that He created and for whom He died. It is truly an act of God's grace that I am the person I am today.

TI – We know that you sent some time in the correctional system. How has this experience affected your relationship with Christ?

EDS - The Old Testament Prophet Jonah’s self will vanished immediately after he was spewed out of the whale’s belly and back onto dry land. Similarly, my new life has been infused by my prison experience. The message is very simple: What God did for me He will do for anyone else who is willing to trust Him.

TI – We know that you have a loving wife Linda and are relatively newly weds of 2 years. How has marriage influenced your relationship with Christ? And how has it strengthened you as a man?

EDS - After just surviving a fire at your apartment house, your thoughts turn instantly to those left behind – a wife, children, others. My wife and I have been saved from the Lake of Fire by God’s grace. Now it is incumbent upon us to allow our Lord to use us to lead others to safety. We love one another very much. And it’s good to have such a capable life partner.

TI – Finally what’s ahead in the ministry of Eric and Linda Sims?

EDS - We don’t really know what’s ahead. We pretty much follow the biblical mandate to trust the Lord day by day. He has never failed us. He never will.

The Tabernacle Informer would like to thank, **Bro. Eric DeVant Sims** for his willingness to share with the Tabernacle family the miracles of GOD’S grace and mercy in his life. Thank you ERIC.
As we light the lamp we begin with an introduction and survey of the Old Testament.

To begin we must understand that the Bible is a unique book. Although it is a library of 66 books it is one book with one theme. Although it has 39 or 40 different authors writing over a span of some 1500 years there is a unity and harmony that blends each different Book and author together into one single focus.

The purpose of this study is to help you survey all 66 books in the Bible and to see in that survey the harmony of the Bible as you see the parts of each book adds to that theme. The notes that follow are not intended to explain everything to you. In fact, they are not intended to explain very much at all. They are basically designed to guide your personal study and point out some of the themes and key ideas in each book and each section. Often the notes do not do much more than list some of the important sections for you to notice. So you will find these notes most helpful if you study them right as you read and study your Bible. Three important matters must be mentioned by way of introduction before we get to Genesis.

1. The Purpose of the Bible. Why was the Bible written? Why do we have these 66 books in our hands? Is the Bible meant to be a history book of people in the past? a science book of all God's handiwork, a record of how God dealt with people? You will find that the Bible concentrates on one theme SIN AND ITS SOLUTION man's fall and God's remedy. Genesis begins in chapter 3 with the sin of Adam and Eve and their subsequent loss of fellowship with God. Revelation concludes with man again in fellowship with God in the New Jerusalem. So the purpose of the Bible is to show us God's plan of redemption; how God deals with sin, to warn about it, judge it, and redeem people from it.

In the final sense, God's remedy for sin is all wrapped up in Jesus Christ. He is the solution to man's sin problem by virtue of His death on the cross. This is why all scripture, in talking about God's plan of redemption, is talking about and pointing to the REDEEMER, Jesus Christ (see how Jesus points this out in John 5:39). This is why some important historical events are passed over in Scripture so briefly, while other events are given much more space. The emphasis in Scripture is not history, or people, or science, but God's activity in solving man's sin problem.

2. The Division of the books in the Old Testament.

The Division of the books in the Old Testament. The 39 books of the Old Testament can be conveniently divided into 5 sections.


3. The Chronology of the Old Testament. If we take Archbishop Ussher's chronology as being correct, here is how the Old Testament breaks down chronologically:

The first two thousand years — Genesis 1-11, Adam to Abraham.

The second two thousand years — Genesis 12 - Malachi 4.

There are 1,189 chapters in the Bible, 929 in the Old Testament and 260 in the New Testament.

Also there are 31, 173 verses in the Bible, 23,214 in the Old Testament and 7,959 in the New Testament.
"It’s Fun Time"

The Book of John for adults
Fill in the blanks, then arrange the numbered letters to solve the Key Verse.

Jesus said, “I am the...”

John 6:35

John 8:12

John 10:7

John 10:14

John 11:25

John 14:6

John 15:1

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