

Praise

BAPTIST CHURCH



Praise Baptist Church
Corner Burr Oak & S. Rose

Preparing for the Last Days!

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September 20, 2015

*"Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation."
Psalm 95:1*

Sunday

Sunday School 9:00 AM
MorningWorship..... 10:30 AM

Monday - Friday

Bible Study — all are invited — (Ministry Center)..... 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM
N.A. 11th step meeting (Ministry Center) Sat..... 10:00 AM
A.A. Meeting (7 days/wk.) at the Ministry Center..... 8:00 PM

Direction by Impulse

"Building up yourselves on your most holy faith." JUDE 20.

There was nothing either of the nature of impulse or of cold-bloodedness about Our Lord, but only a calm strength that never got into panic. Most of us develop our Christianity along the line of our temperament, not along the line of God. Impulse is a trait in natural life, but Our Lord always ignores it, because it hinders the development of the life of a disciple. 'Watch how the Spirit of God checks impulse, His checks bring a rush of self-conscious foolishness which makes us instantly want to vindicate ourselves. Impulse is all right in a child, but it is disastrous in a man or woman; an impulsive man is always a petted man. Impulse has to be trained into intuition by discipline.

Discipleship is built entirely on the supernatural grace of God. Walking on the water is easy to impulsive pluck, but walking on dry land as a disciple of Jesus Christ is a different thing. Peter walked on the water to go to Jesus, but he followed Him afar off on the land. We do not need the grace of God to stand crises, human nature and pride are sufficient, we can face the strain magnificently; but it does require the supernatural grace of God to live twenty-four hours in every day as a saint, to go through drudgery as a disciple, to live an ordinary, unobserved, ignored existence as a disciple of Jesus. It is inbred in us that we have to do exceptional things for God; but we have not. We have to be exceptional in the ordinary things, to be holy in mean streets, among mean people, and this is not learned in five minutes.

Oswald Chambers, *My Utmost for His Highest*, p218

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Verse of the week: **Matthew 20:26-27 (MSG)** *"It's not going to be that way with you. Whoever wants to be great must become a servant. Whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave."*
2. There will be coffee and fellowship following this morning's worship.
3. Week of prayer for Frances Brown State Missions Offering this year ends today.
But please be encouraged to continue to pray for missions in our state. State goal is \$75,000.00
4. Baptist State Convention of MI. Annual Meeting Nov. 6-7 at Faith Baptist Church in Battle Creek. (40 days of prayer for BSCM is Sept 27 - Nov 5.)
5. This years Life Chain is scheduled for Oct. 4th
6. This week and next our "penny" collection will be going for the State Missions Offering.
7. If this is your first time here, we would greatly appreciate it if you'd fill out a visitors card so that we might get to know you.

Offering last week:	\$980.63	
A&O	\$147.09	15%
Cooperative Program	\$98.06	10%
Building Fund	\$98.06	10%
South Central Assoc.	\$39.23	4%
Playground fund	\$317.88	
Francis Brown State Missions	\$6.05	

Morning Worship

Opening.....Come, Thou Almighty King.....267
Responsive Reading.....Insert
Prayer
Announcements / Offering

Worship



Sermon.....Doing the right thing, But for the wrong reason
Closing

Perfect Willingness

"Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power."

[Ps. 110:3](#)

Blessed be the God of grace that it is so! He has a people whom He has chosen from of old to be His peculiar portion. These by nature have wills as stubborn as the rest of the forward sons of Adam; but when the day of His power comes, and grace displays its omnipotence, they become willing to repent, and to believe in Jesus. None are saved unwillingly, but the will is made sweetly to yield itself. What a wondrous power is this, which never violates the will, and yet rules it! God does not break the lock, but He opens it by a master-key which He alone can handle.

Now are we willing to be, to do, or to suffer as the Lord wills. If at any time we grow rebellious He has but to come to us with power, and straightway we run in the way of His commands with all our hearts. May this be a day of power with me as to some noble effort for the glory of God and the good of my fellow-men! Lord, I am willing; may I not hope that this is a day of thy power? I am wholly at thy disposal; willing, yea, eager, to be used of thee for thy holy purposes. O Lord, let me not have to cry, "To will is present with me, but how to perform that which I would, I find not"; but give me power as thou givest me will.

Faith's Checkbook September 20, 2015

Missionary Moments

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Life Skills

(New Jersey) CEPHAS AGBESI became a Christian at age 13 in Ghana, West Africa. He immigrated to the U.S. at the age of 14 and was called to ministry during his third year of college. Within six years he created prayer ministries around the world. Presently he serves the predominantly Caribbean, African, Hispanic and African American congregants of Honeywell Baptist Church in the Bronx, New York, while planting a new in church Jersey City, New Jersey. Cephas also operates a global prayer ministry and a life-skills mentorship program. Through your partnership in prayer and your gifts through the Cooperative Program, Cephas believes the harvest knows no limits and help will be needed to "pull in the sheaves."

Students Confident in Their Faith

(Thailand) IMB missionary CHERYL COHEN* was frustrated because, as a single female, it is culturally inappropriate in Thailand for her to go out alone to share her faith. However, God provided for her in exciting ways. Only 40 to 50 believers live in the district where she works. About 12 youth from the two different churches are believers. Thanks to your gifts through the Cooperative Program, Cheryl has been able to take students on retreats to other churches and camps run by fellow IMB workers so they can serve and grow in their faith. God is raising up young believers, confident in their faith—and in that, Cheryl rejoices. Bible Reference and Statement Giving an account of our actions does not have to be something dreaded. When we have followed Christ in our living and giving, accounting is a time for rejoicing.