



# TOUCHING TOMORROW TODAY



## Back to Church Edition

September 2020

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## New Hope Church

Wayne, MI



Pastor and Velicia

## From Pastor's Desk

My guiding priorities during this pandemic are as follows:

1. The safety and health of our worshipers and staff
2. Practicing our church mission, "Connecting People to Jesus and to Each Other"
3. Maintaining business and financial functions
4. Pursuing opportunities that this multifold crisis presents so we can be stronger post COVID-19

Now months into this country's greatest disaster of the last century that has produced health, economic, educational and social despair, our survival lessons come from God's Word to assure us that He will never leave us nor forsake His own. Though we sit through sermons and teachings about faith that seem not to move us, the Christian's faith is tested and proven during storms.

Let me encourage you to find space inside your homes to worship God intimately, individually (or as a family),

even as gathering together has become challenging, if not impossible. Prayer must be a daily discipline. Pray fervently to God because in Colossians 1:17 (NIV), the Scripture says, "He is before all things, and in him all things hold together."

Especially in this period of human anguish and uncertainty, the easiest remedy we have is to pray incessantly to God for a much-needed divine change in our national executive governance and a reprieve from the nation's health disaster, social injustice, systemic racism and economic decline.

Remember to be careful about your movements, behavior and hygiene—we will get through this wiser, together and welcoming spiritual revival.

Shalom,  
Pastor Humes



New Hope Family and Friends,

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted." (Matthew 5:4, KJV)

We will get through this unprecedented time together and stronger.

The last six months have been unusually cataclysmic. This has been a time full of abnormal fear, panic, anxiety and hopelessness with enormous ramifications to human health, financial security, social life and future goals.

We have provided virtual worship and ministry since March. Please join me to applaud our media ministry for an exceptional production each week to serve you God's Word and inspiration.

## New Hope Church — Taylor Campus



## Vote As If Your Life Depends On It...Because It Might

Written by Byron Roberts



"If your vote did not count why would politicians try to suppress it?"

--Renee K. Harrison, Associate Professor of African American and U.S. Religious History, Howard University School of Divinity

Two moments that made Black history happened within the past two months. In July, Georgia Congressman John Lewis--who was 25 years old when he had his skull fractured by Alabama law enforcement during a "Bloody Sunday" voting rights protest--died. In August, California Senator Kamala Harris--who was still in a baby stroller when her parents took her to her first civil-rights protests--became the first African-American woman and first Indian-American selected as a vice-presidential candidate of a major U.S. political party.

Will **you** make Black history within the **next** two months by fulfilling the promise of this year's political activism? Or will you let the movement become a memory?

Making history also means making a decision to protect your life. Let me suggest three very real-life reasons why you absolutely should vote.

**You can help end the coronavirus.** Do you know anyone who has died from COVID-19? How many? Sadly, more African-Americans will die if we do not change course. Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's leading infectious disease expert, has said a lack of national unity to fight COVID-19 is the problem. Your vote can help create a national commitment to attack this virus.

**You can help put money in your pocket.** Have you lost a job or had your hours cut, making it hard for you to earn a living to pay for food and shelter for you and your family? African-American business executive and financial expert Mellody Hobson says the best way to prevent further national financial turmoil is for lawmakers to put more money into the hands of average Americans through additional unemployment benefits. Your vote can put people in power who can make that decision happen.

**You can help make police brutality unacceptable.** Have you ever feared an encounter with a police officer? To be sure, there are many wonderful men and women in law enforcement—including those in this congregation; officers who truly protect and serve their communities. But we also know, all too well, there are serious needs for reform. Black Lives Matter. Your vote can help turn your protest into policy.

In Wayne County this November, you will have the

opportunity to vote not only for the President and Vice-President, but a U.S. Senator, U.S. Congressperson, Prosecutor, Sheriff, 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court Judge and more. Each of these individuals has power to influence the quality of **your life**. Show that you also are an influencer by voting—and letting others know you did.

Many resources exist online to help you with the voting process. The [State of Michigan's voter site](#) explains in a straightforward process how to register to vote, and also how to obtain an absentee ballot or where to vote in person.

Social media has its place and protests can grab media attention. Your voice matters. But not as much as your vote. Votes lead to policies that last long after your issue stops trending and the cameras are gone. If you want to protect what's important in your life, vote. If you respect the elders who came before you, vote. If you care about the children who will follow you, you must vote.

*Now here is the king you have chosen, the one you asked for; see, the Lord has set a king over you. If you fear the Lord and serve and obey him and do not rebel against his commands, and if both you and the king who reigns over you follow the Lord your God—good! But if you do not obey the Lord, and if you rebel against his commands, his hand will be against you, as it was against your ancestors. (1 Samuel 12:13-15-NIV)*

## Dates to Remember

### September 20

#### Back to Church Sunday

Virtual Worship Times

8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Via Facebook Live, YouTube, Website, Church App

### October 3

#### Church Drive-By

and

#### Pastor Appreciation

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Get a Church Happy Meal  
Wayne Campus

### October 31

#### Church Drive-By

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

A bag of treats will be provided  
to each child in the car  
Wayne Campus



Get Your Flu Shot  
during the

Church Drive-By

Saturday

October 3

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Michigan Voter Information Center

<https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/>

## NHC Healthcare Corner

Written By Dr. Tiffany Humes

Greetings NHC Family!

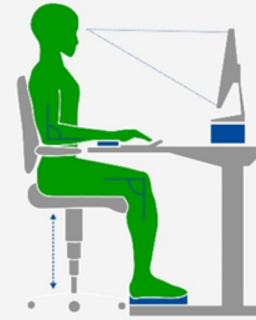
Welcome to a new column, the NHC Healthcare Corner. In this column we'll explore tips for health and wellness. August was National Children's Eye Health and Vision Month. Since we've all had to change our visual habits to accommodate the onset of COVID-19, who better to ask for eye advice than our own community optometrist, Dr. Tiffany Humes. She has six tips for visual wellness to avoid digital/computer eyestrain.

1. Make an appointment for your annual eye exam. Your optometrist can evaluate your eyes for computer glasses with blue light blocking. He/she will also ensure that your eyes are healthy and ready for the school year! 20/20 vision does not equal healthy eyes—annual eye exams are essential to wellness.
  - Anyone who has diabetes, hypertension, hypothyroidism, atherosclerosis, a history of stroke, or heart disease should have an annual eye exam.
2. The 20/20/20 eye breaks rule: Every 20 minutes, look 20 feet away from the computer screen for 20 seconds.
3. This accomplishes two important things:
  - \* Looking away from the screen allows the eyes to rest. The eyes are not made by God to look at one distance for sustained periods.
  - \* Blinking! When we concentrate, we tend to stare. This dries out the eyes.
3. Moisturizing eye drops: When we work or study at computer screens for sustained periods we tend to stare. Staring dries the eyes out because blinking is our natural windshield wipers, returning moisture to the ocular surface. Use the eye drops 2–4 times per day as needed. Acceptable eye drops brands are Systane or Refresh. **AVOID VISINE AND CLEAR EYES!**

## Office ergonomics: Your how-to guide

**Monitor:** Below the horizontal optical axis + min. an arm's length away.

**Keyboard and mouse:** In line with elbows. Hand rests prevent the hands from bending.



Adjust the monitor slightly forward, and sit upright! Knees and elbows at a right angle prevents pain.

Place feet firmly on the floor. Foot stool protects the back.

www.blitzresults.com

4. Proper computer posture (see the photo above): Sit up straight, feet on the floor. The computer should be placed at the ends of your fingertips—approximately 1.5 feet for adults, with the monitor situated just below eye level. It helps to use a wireless mouse and keyboard.
5. Bigger is better! Monitors that is. Consider an additional computer monitor if working on a laptop. A larger screen is easier on the eyes.

If you have healthcare questions that you'd like us to address, please send suggestions or questions to [newhopewayne@comcast.net](mailto:newhopewayne@comcast.net). See you next month!

## Put Your Oxygen Mask on First

Written By Alyn Estin Moore

As summer winds down and the school year begins, we may be experiencing feelings of dread, anxiety or plain old sadness. These feelings are normal and to be expected as we are living through an unprecedented time in our history. With all that is happening it may be difficult to come to the realization that... Life. Is. Different.

As the days grow shorter and the nights cooler, there are things we must continue to do. We must continue to talk to one another and check-in on one another. We should have conversations with our children about what is going on and why they might not be going back into the school building just yet. Be honest and transparent, but not scary. Continue to keep a schedule and gently ease the entire family back into a regular routine so that everyone—including you—is getting the proper amount of rest. We should also continue to pray, sing and laugh, even when we don't feel like there's anything to laugh about. It's important to remember that we have so much to be thankful for, even though

there are those who would have us to believe otherwise.

As we are heading into fall and all that comes with the changing of the season, it is imperative that you take care of yourself. If you don't, you will be unable to take care of those you love and who love you. As a gentle reminder here are a few things you can do:

- ⇒ Maintain a routine
- ⇒ Exercise: enjoy the outdoors by walking, riding a bike, or dancing in front of a mirror
- ⇒ Find a laugh everyday: share the joke, YouTube clip, or meme
- ⇒ Feel your feelings, don't deny them: these are different times, it is OK to feel unsure, anxious or blue (if these feelings linger, reach out to someone—a therapist, friend, family member, or pastor)
- ⇒ Breathe deeply and embrace all that is RIGHT: learn to shift your focus to the positive

- ⇒ Broaden your horizons: learn something new or teach someone to do something that you are good at (e.g., sewing, crochet, knitting, baking, painting, etc.)
- ⇒ Minimize social media and the news: set a time limit for yourself, as well as your children
- ⇒ Read, listen to podcasts, and read some more: your Bible should be at the top of your list

If you put just a few of these practices into place, you will be well on your way to being intentional about self-care. For those who have already started—keep up the good work! Let's all remember that in order for us to be the wonderful providers and caretakers that we naturally are, we must learn that self-care isn't selfish, it's necessary. So please, as we continue to move forward during times such as these, put your oxygen mask on first.

Abundant blessings to you and yours!

## New Hope Walk-up COVID-19 Testing Site Open

Appointments are strongly encouraged.  
Schedule your appointment now on the website.  
<https://www.solvehealth.com/book-online/07Q9Xp>

### Hours

**Monday-Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**


**Wednesday: 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

### Features

- No-cost
- Tests people with and without symptoms (symptomatic and asymptomatic)
- No doctor's order needed
- Tests uninsured individuals


### Guidelines

- Saliva tests are used for all ages. Do not eat, drink, chew gum, or use tobacco 30 minutes prior to visit.
- On-demand translation available. Site is ADA accessible.
- No ID is required to be tested. If using insurance, please bring your insurance card.



Michigan Department of Health and Human Services  
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church  
(Wayne)  
Free COVID-19 Testing

33640 Michigan Ave  
Wayne, MI 48184

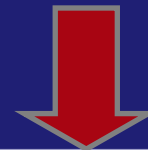


This site is free of cost. If you provide insurance, you will have no charges but please bring insurance card with you. No other ID is required. No insurance or a doctor's note required. Please arrive with a mask if possible. One will be provided if needed. A saliva-based test is utilized for individuals of all ages. It takes 3-15 minutes. It is common for individuals who experience dry mouth and/or have lower saliva levels to take 10-15 minutes. It's useful for all individuals to maintain in good hydration pre-test. Please avoid caffeine, alcohol, sugary or acidic foods 24 hours prior. 30 minutes prior please do not eat, drink, chew gum or use tobacco products. You will be asked to breathe through your nose during the test.

## Invite a Friend

To

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**SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**

Virtual Worship Times (Facebook Live, YouTube, website, church app) 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. (Visit website, [newhopechurchwayne.com](http://newhopechurchwayne.com) for zoom information)  
\*Download app: New Hope Church Wayne MI\* from your app store

## Are You Sagging?

Written By Derron Murray

Recently I was standing in the checkout line at a local Walmart practicing social distancing when my eyes were so rudely assaulted by one of the most despicable images imaginable! The young man in line in front of me was wearing his shorts sagging so low that I could see his dirty, dingy 'drawers!' I started shaking my head but then thought to myself, Where did this fashion statement come from? Why do a lot of young black men, and even some older ones, feel the need to sag? Once I returned home from my shopping trip, I started researching this and found some interesting information.

The most interesting of them all was the fact that the wearing of pants having the buttocks showing originally comes from the Bible. It was a means of shaming. In 2 Samuel 10:1-5 and 1 Chronicles 19:1-5 after the death of King Ammon, King David sent his servants to the late King's son King Hanun to comfort him and to show respect. However, Hanun's advisors seemed to have thought the servants were sent as spies in order to conquer his territory. Around that time period it was customary for those in mourning to shave off

their beards and some or all of their hair, which King David's servants had not done. King Hanun decided to cut off half of King David's servants' beards and cut their clothes to the buttocks as a way of shaming them before sending them back to King David. It was forbidden for King David's people to shave off their beards or hair, so when the servants returned, King David sent them away to Jericho to save them from humiliation—being shaven and with your buttocks out was a form of being shamed (and insulted King David).

This humiliation then carried over to African American slavery and a process called "breaking the buck." This was a process in which the slave masters punished slaves who were thought of as rebellious by beating them in front of the other slaves. They were then forced to stand on top of a tree stump with their britches removed to expose them to the rest of the slaves. The slave would then be sodomized by their master and his guests and then forced to wear his trousers sagging as a sign that he was 'broken.'

Lastly, in this chain of humiliating events is what I call the modern-day version of shame. It stems from America's prison system. It is widely known that inmates who wear their trousers sagging are sending a message that they are OK with homosexual relationships and that they are the property of another inmate. When these inmates are released from prison and venture back into their respective neighborhoods, they continue the practice of sagging, which to the younger generation appears to be a cool fashion statement because most ex-cons are looked up to and idolized. They have no idea of the story behind sagging and its demeaning history. They just think it's cool because their favorite celebrity does it or the popular hood figures are doing it as well.

I'm not judging anyone, nor am I playing God. I just think that if you are going to follow a trend you might want to be informed of its history and true meaning so that you can make an informed decision on whether or not you intend to follow. But I will say this, if you are going to have your pants sagging, at least have on clean underwear!

# School is Back in Session

Written by Kimberley Wright

In the midst of COVID-19, parents are preparing their children to go back to school. However, this academic year will be much different than before. Over the last six months, several states have been meeting and planning how to return to school safely. Some of the options discussed include meeting in-person, remote learning, and a hybrid format. Let us take a look locally at Detroit Public Schools (DPS), Wayne-Westland, and Plymouth-Canton Community school districts to see how students will be learning.

## Detroit Public Schools

DPS plans to bring students back into the classroom limiting each class to 20 students while providing virtual options. Other electives may be offered in an effort to further reduce class size. With guidance from Michigan's Return to Learning Advisory Council, DPS plans to start school on September 8. However, considering the dubious nature of I-19, parents will decide whether their children will attend school online or in-person.

## Wayne-Westland Community Schools

Wayne-Westland Community Schools will have their students participate in remote learning. For the first nine weeks of this academic year, students and teachers will be in online classrooms. District teachers will teach the curriculum.

## Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will begin this school year completely online. School officials hope to resume in-person learning around October 4. Their plan is to commence with small groups of students which will include both in-person and online learning models. These students can expect synchronous (live) and asynchronous (independent) learning while attending school online.

It is quite daunting for parents to decide how they want to keep their children safe without compromising their education. Here are some tips for parents to encourage their children as they navigate this new way of learning:

1. Be equipped with the right technology: A solid Wi-Fi connection is critical along with an efficient desktop or laptop with an updated operating system.
2. Create an organized study space: Make sure your student(s) have a place where they can concentrate and set them up with all of the materials needed. Provide them with good lighting and an ergonomic chair.
3. Use good time management: It is essential that your student(s) carefully manage their schedule.
4. Eliminate distractions: Have your student turn off their phone, silencing social media and email notifications.
5. Actively participate in online forums: This is key to doing well in online classes!



## Youth Spotlight

Written By Sydney Neal

In the past two years, I was told to start thinking more about what I wanted to do with my future. I knew I loved writing and that it was always something I was good at. My mom told me about an opportunity to work at the Detroit Free Press as an apprentice for about 4 weeks. I originally did not want to pursue it but I was convinced by my parents to apply for it. I never thought that my application would grant me the opportunity to work alongside people who had years of experience. I eventually was accepted into the program out of many other kids who applied. I was shocked when I saw the email explaining I had been accepted into the program. I was one of the youngest apprentices to ever work at the Free Press' summer apprentice program. This ultimately intimidated me but also pushed me to work harder. Throughout the program, I was able to speak to many well known people within the journalism world and learn more about the career itself. Additionally, I pursued two

stories that will both be published in the Free Press. Although I ultimately started out doubting myself, I soon came to the realization that God gave me this opportunity to do something great with the gift I was given.



Sydney Neal is a junior at Canton High School

The link below leads to Sydney's article in the September 12th issue of the Detroit Free Press, "Soccer diary: Hard lessons learned from a student athlete during the coronavirus pandemic"

<https://www.freep.com/story/sports/high-school/2020/09/12/pandemic-pushes-student-athlete-to-lean-in-to-training/3463084001/>

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## Census Deadline September 30, 2020

- The questionnaire will take about 10 minutes to complete.
- Your response helps to direct billions of dollars in federal funds to local communities for schools, roads, and other public services.
- Results from the 2020 Census will be used to determine the number of seats each state has in Congress and your political representation at all

Be Counted...Go to  
<https://my2020census.gov/>

# Taylor Campus Update

Written By Curtis Johnson

An adventure usually starts with a defined set of parameters clearly delineated on paper or in one's mind. On a sunny afternoon, we met at 8900 Pardee in Taylor. As we ventured through the property it became apparent that there was an adventure developing within the mind of our pastor. This property was vast and in need of a personal touch.

Keep in mind that God has been answering the prayers of Pastor Humes. Not too much earlier, God answered his prayers for additional parking when the Burger King next door closed its doors, providing the space we needed. God not only provided parking, but a building also now known as the Annex. Long story short, Pastor Humes was looking for an additional site to expand our ministry. Needless to say, God provided more. He looked beyond our what was prayed for and gave us a 50,000 square foot building including a gym—Pastor's dream.

Fast forward to the present—we have been working diligently to renovate our New Hope Church-Taylor location. Numerous members and friends have been diligent in donating time and materials toward this adventure. We have been successful in accomplishing many tasks in our efforts to update this facility to its full potential and into operation.

- New A/C and heat in the southern wing

- New kitchen and fellowship hall in the southern wing
- Renovated women's restroom in the southern wing
- New unisex restroom in the southern wing
- New conference room in the southern wing
- New Pastor's office and restroom in the southern wing
- New site Pastor's office in the southern wing
- Renovated staff office in the southern wing
- New carpet and tile throughout the facility
- Freshly painted throughout the church side of the facility
- New interior and exterior lighting
- New video surveillance of the entire facility
- New sound system in the sanctuary with audio throughout the church side of the facility
- New windows in the sanctuary and parts of the southern wing
- Fence work continues throughout the exterior of the facility
- New door sweeps and thresholds through the facility
- New ceiling tiles in the southern wing and replacement ceiling tiles throughout the facility as required

- New touchless plumbing throughout the facility
- Refinished the gym floor (and kitchen within the gym)
- Electrical system refurbished throughout the facility
- Flooring refurbished in room #8

We have progressed to the point of acquiring all licensing and operational permits for the Taylor facility.

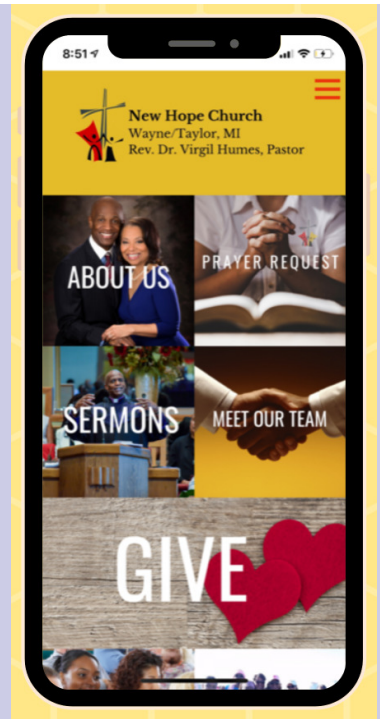
The refurbishing of the Annex and the Wayne site are under consideration. The plans for the Annex are complete, designed by engineering:

- Plumbing
- Electrical
- A/C
- Roofing
- Mechanical
- Lighting

Refurbishing of the Wayne Church site is being planned for the following:

- Parking lot repaving/stripping
- Carpeting in sanctuary
- Carpeting in foyer
- Sound system in the sanctuary

This process has been hampered by the pandemic. Therefore, the adventure continues. God has brought us this far—He promised never to forsake us nor leave us alone. Faith will complete this journey.



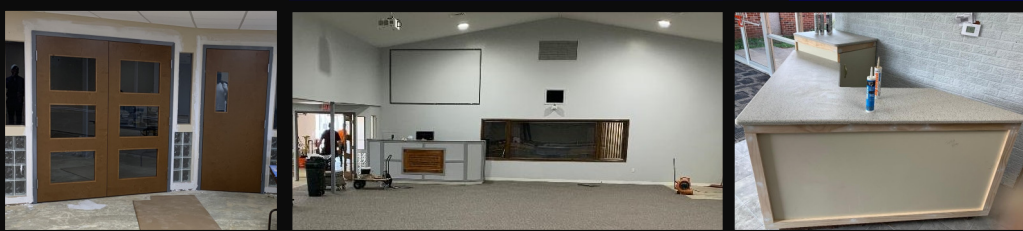
## New Hope Church Mobile App

The New Hope app was created to give our members and friends the ability to stay updated about all things going on within our church. Due to COVID-19, we needed a better method to stay connected with the congregation and keep everyone informed. Therefore, we decided to partner with Aware3 (app creator) to create our own New Hope Church app! I'd like to thank Leslie Neal and Andrew Culpepper as they are largely responsible for the layout and functionality of our app, and of course our partners at Aware3. With this app we can continue to execute our mission of "Connecting People to Jesus and to Each Other."

There are some really cool features within the app that will allow users to quickly access information such as connecting to virtual Sunday school, virtual worship, and even giving tithes and offerings right from the app. In addition, you have the ability to send prayer requests, join our church, receive push-notifications, attend Bible study, and even chat with different ministries all through the app.

You may be wondering how do I get this app? It's a very quick and easy process:

- Step 1:** Go to your app store or Google Play store
- Step 2:** Search for New Hope Church Wayne
- Step 3:** Download the app
- Step 4:** Create your profile





## Scholarship Recipients



**Jada Price**  
Michigan State University

Major: Nursing  
Graduate of Cass Technical High School



**Jalen Price**  
Michigan Career Technical  
Institute

Major: Graphic Design  
Graduate of Bradford Academy



**Madison Finley**  
Michigan State University

Major: Psychology  
Graduate of Salem High School



**Tamia Thompson**  
Michigan State University

Major: Pre-Law  
Graduate of Summit Academy North



Captain Tranay Tanner  
May 21, 1990-August 17, 2019

## Tranay Tanner Memorial Scholarship

Tranay Tanner is the daughter of New Hope members, Dan and Wendy Kahill. She was a graduate of Romulus High School and the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in English.

The Tranay Tanner Scholarship Fund was created to ensure the compassion and persistency that Tranay displayed everyday of her life would continue to live on. She was focused, humble, and blessed. Her scholarship fund is designed to provide a helping hand to high school seniors going to college to pursue a degree. Nay believed in giving 100% every day, toward every goal, and every person.

Contributions can be sent to the Tranay Tanner Memorial Scholarship Fund:

Citizens Bank Account # 453317758  
Routing # 241070417

Email:  
tranaytannerscholarship@gmail.com

Cash App: stzscholarship

# New Hope Drive-By

## Next Event: Saturday, October 3



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

Youthful Souls & Temples of Christ  
Darryln Harrison & Min. Daphne Green

Zoom:

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/81299379798?>  
Password: 164593

### Leaning on Faith - Mrs. Johnson

Call: 978-990-5000  
Password: 537796#

### Young Adult-Khadijah Richardson 10:00 a.m.

Zoom:

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/85132235038>

### Young at Heart - Dantonio Thompson

Zoom:

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/732488687?>  
Password: 072788

### Inspired Spirits - Mary Lewis

Call: 978-990-5000  
Password: 664537#

### Growing in Christ - Min Shelby Wilson

Zoom:

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/83551540496?>  
Password: 374829

### New Birth - Ramona Parker-Muhammad

Zoom:

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/88269336378?>  
Password: 106969

### Monday Night Bible Study

5:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Zoom:

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/7485994616?>  
Password: 277234  
Call-In Number: 646-876-9923

### Financial Fitness 2nd Wednesday of the Month 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Zoom:

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/7485994616?>  
Password: 277234



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