

### Welcome Message:

Dear Church Family, I hope this newsletter finds you well. We are grateful for your continued support and participation in our community. Let's continue to grow in faith and love together!

### Upcoming Events:

- Monday, Thursday and Friday: Bible Study Services on Series: "Kingdom Come: Living God Reality on Earth" at 12 PM and 7 PM
- Sunday: Worship Services in Detroit and Flint at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM.
- November 1: Volunteer-to-Work Program Enrollment for Students and Americans
- November 3-7: Community Well-Being and Crisis Response Team Meeting in Ann Arbor
- October 18: Bible Class in Southfield new office
- October 24: Homelessness Prevention Roundtable Meeting at 10 AM in Southfield, MI with community leaders, businesses and organizations
- October 29-31: Contentment in Christ Leadership Conference in Southfield with \$45 admission.
- October 17: Community Bingo Fundraiser at Southfield office with \$20 admission to raise money for church community outreach programs for needy and homeless.

### Recent Activities:

The church's current membership is **13,804** in Michigan and some members in Chicago. The church gained **59 new members from Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, Lansing and Ypsilanti: 23 seeking a new church home joining the church as members based on their Christian**

**experience, and 44 sought baptism.** The church attendance during services is **12,108+** every week to hear preaching from guest speakers and Bishop. This is one of the amendments agreed to last Friday during the Bylaws and Rules Committee.Hobson. **According to the Usher Ministry, it continues to be a seating issue every week again. We are going to need a building like Little Caesar Arena. According to updated membership records, members make up 25% Latino/Hispanic, 37% Caucasian, 6% Foreigners, and 32% Black/African-American. Church members are 57.6% women and 42.4% men as an updated church membership. There are 637 members residing in Cook County suburbs, 147 members residing in Atlanta and Atlanta suburbs, 43 members residing overseas in Kenya, and 810 members residing in Ohio.** There are **39 new members** enrolled in LGBTQ to Straight Recovery Program this month to convert themselves from homosexuals to straight. First Lady Jennifer started the Mental Health Taskforce last month as Director of Women's Director to address mental health and schizophrenia. The new church website includes an events page that was just created today to view and find out more about upcoming events.

### Prayer Requests:

Prayer for healing for loved ones in Minneapolis school shooting. Prayers for people and parents in Chicago that have to deal with the violence and shootings on a daily basis. Prayers for God protection from the violence, idolatry, sin and evil in Chicago. Prayer to protect youth and children in Chicago from crime and violence. Prayers for people dealing with job losses in Chicago because some members know friends and family that recently got laid off from their jobs that they worked for 5-10 years. Prayers for families in Chicago that are homeowners and

paying rent struggling to pay their bills, living expenses, food and household expenses.

### **Announcements:**

First Lady Jennifer will start preaching during the current series on tithing and importance of tithing. Bishop Hobson received special recognition gifts and acrylic/crystal trophy and certificate for my commitment to his spiritual and community service during the anniversary service celebrating my 14th year anniversary as a spiritual leader in and out of the pulpit. It was a thirty minute video provided during the anniversary service going back to 2014 showing his preaching and service in the communities in Chicago, Atlanta, Houston, Detroit, Flint and East Iowa. It shows him in the community praying and assisting the poor and homelessness. The video shows Bishop Hobson ministering weddings, memorial services and funerals. The video was played during service and not posted on social media. Members and visitors were impressed by the video. The church Bylaws and Rules Committee members have voted to rename and rebrand the Membership Development Ministry to the Vine Ministry. The Vine Ministry will evoke connection, growth and nourishment. Vine Ministry will focus on fostering spiritual growth, deepening relationships within the congregation, and nourishing a sense of belonging. It is a biblical metaphor of Jesus as the vine and believers as branches. The Board of Trustees was approved to be renamed as the Vision Keepers. The Board of Trustees will be rebranded as Vision Keepers to safeguard and promote the church mission and long-term goals. Bishop Hobson is a motivator that can really motivate people that paid off when he volunteered for Barack Obama Presidential campaign in 2008. People at the time saw him as the future face of the Democratic Party in 2028 because the Democratic Party does not have a leader right now. Some people saw him as the face of the Democratic Party and next Barack Obama sitting in the Oval Office behind

the resolute desk. The church is working on the expansion of the sanctuary for the services and bible study because the church has a growing congregation. The church may have to have a large church building constructed from the ground with a large sanctuary and hold all church operations. Nine members had their membership revoked and banned by the Church Vine Ministry for negative posting and negative comments about Charlie Kirk death. A new ministry was approved for the church called Worship Ministry and listed on the website at the ministries link. Bishop Hobson told church staff his many ideas to reduce mental health in our communities and that's why I support the First Lady initiative to implement their taskforce to crackdown on mental health because she says that organizations, homeless shelters, detention centers and prisons are not doing enough to help people with mental health and substance abuse. The Office of Honesty and Transparency is working to renew and update our Google services that allow us to share latest information, service times and events with anyone that searches for us. You may have noticed that when you search for the church on Google, it may say we are currently closed. We want to assure you that this is not true because we are fully open and thriving. We have found a larger space in Southfield and will be able to move in on the closing date in sixty days to start services, Children's Church, and bible study services.

### **Prayer of the Month:**

Heavenly Father,  
Guide us from evil and violence in this world.  
Be our protector on a daily basis and our children in school and in our communities.  
Guide us from adultery and temptation.  
Heal us when we are sick.  
Heal us when we lose loved ones to violence, crime and shooting.  
Help us build our mindset to your kingdom to end our dependency on the world and possessions in the world.

Help eliminate us from our debts and pay off our debts.

Bless and help the homeless with their tribulations and trials that they are dealing with on a daily basis.

In Jesus name, Amen.

**Bible Verse/Reflection:**

*"I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?"-Luke 16:9-11*

Reflection: We need to use our resources for good because Bishop Hobson says he is blessed based on his cheerful giving, serving communities for the good and helping the poor. We need to be motivated to help others and love one another like we love ourselves. We need to love one another and stop hating on one another, gossiping about one another, stop stealing and killing one another. That's why people that are killing and stealing one another in Chicago need to have faith and seek God in their lives. We need to stop fighting one another in communities and provide love for one another. We need to stop fighting and hating each other in communities and start building relationships with one another on a daily basis. Scripture talks about unrighteous mammon. Wealth is called unrighteous because it is often obtained through dishonest means or used for selfish purposes