

Lord Jesus Christ Community Baptist Church Newsletter-July 2025

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Welcome Message:

Dear Church Family, I hope this newsletter finds you well. We are so 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's Reality on Earth" at 12PM and 7 PM.
- Sunday: Worship Services in Detroit and Flint at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM.
- August 14-16, 2025: Contentment in Christ Leadership Conference at Marriott in Renaissance Center
- August 16, 2025: Bible Class-Importance of self-awareness and avoiding hypocrisy when judging others in Flint at 6:30 PM.
- August 29, 2025: Homelessness Prevention Roundtable Meeting at Godfrey Hotel Detroit

Recent Activities:

The church's current membership is **13,452** in Michigan and some members still live in Chicago. The church gained **408 new members that 52 seek baptism, 107 members and visitors seek prayer after they walk to the altar, and 244 seeking a new church home are joining the church as members based on their Christian experience.** The church gained **394 new members in June 2025** based on Membership Development Ministry and Office of Honesty and Transparency. The church's new membership is **13,875**. The church increased its membership by **21 new members and individuals** bringing the total membership to **13,081** as of July 18, 2025.

Prayer Requests:

Prayers for healing, comfort and strength for those in need. Prayer from many members about Bishop Hobson surgical procedure to have abscess removed and handle sinus infection issue. Prayers from homeless men and women for their economic challenges and get off the streets. Prayer from a homeless man with a child with no place to go and living on the streets with lack of food and shelter. A homeless man called CAM Detroit and shelters are full in Detroit.

Announcements:

The church Benevolence Ministry has provided food and clothing to the homeless in Flint and Detroit to end food insecurity and poverty. Bishop Hobson will be preaching a new series in August to the congregation called **"Kingdom Come: Living God Reality on Earth."** The church appointed a new overseer of the congregation in Detroit because the previous overseer lived in Texas and the church did not really do a lot of business in Texas. Sheryl A. Laughren is the church Legal Counsel, Kellie Ray as CPA/Treasurer and Sister Mary Pellegrino as Pastoral Care Ministry Director. Bishop Hobson will preside over Communion and Baptism starting next month after he leaves Louisville on July 28, 2025. The Youth and Young Adult Ministry celebrated First Lady Jennifer and Bishop Hobson twin boys named Nehemiah and Nashaun on July 15, 2025. The Youth and Young Adult Ministry provided a party with cake, ice cream and gifts from ministry staff.

Bible Verse/Reflection:

"Blessings crown the head of the righteous, but violence overwhelms the mouth of the wicked. The name of the righteous is used in blessings, but the name of the wicked will rot. The wise in heart accept commands, but a chattering fool comes to ruin. Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out. Whoever winks maliciously causes grief, and a chattering fool comes to ruin. The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence. Hatred stirs up conflict, but love covers over all wrongs. Wisdom is found on the lips of the discerning, but a rod is for the back of one who has no sense. The wise store up knowledge, but the mouth of a fool invites ruin."-Proverbs 10:6-14

Reflection: Righteous people are rewarded while the wicked are undone by their own harmful words and actions. Righteous people are remembered fondly by God and the community while the wicked are forgotten and their memory becomes a curse. Wise people listen to advice while foolish people destroy themselves. Honest people are safe, but those that are dishonest will be caught. Someone who schemes secretly causes problems and foolish people destroy themselves.