

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: **Open Hands: Stewarding God's Gifts with Kingdom Vision** 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
- November 2025: Bible Class in Southfield new office

Recent Activities:

The church's current membership is **13,828** in Michigan and some members in Chicago. The church gained **25 new members from Grand Rapids and Ann Arbor: 20 seeking a new church home joining the church as members based on their Christian experience, 5 sought baptism.** The church attendance during services is **12,130+** every week to hear preaching from guest speakers and Bishop. The Vine Ministry polled and surveyed the church members on their personal ideology. According to the results, church membership makes up **49.3% Independent/affiliated, 47.7% Republican/conservative and 3% Democratic.** The church has over **350+ members and visitors** that attend bible classes and Sunday school classes within the congregation by zoom and/or in-person every week. The church provided

financial and emergency assistance to **1,300 members dealing with homelessness, at-risk homelessness and poverty. Based on church members, 41% of members are low-income earning \$30,000/year or less, 8% of members are homeless with no income, 51% of members earning \$31,000-50,000 are in the membership database and applications. Most members are living paycheck to paycheck weekly and barely get by in their household.**

Prayer Requests:

Prayers for families and individuals living in poverty and homelessness in Pontiac, Southfield and Highland Park because they say they are trying to get out of homeless shelter to permanent housing. Prayers for people with mental health and anger issues because there are too many people in the community with anger issues and providing violence. Prayers to protect our children from gun violence in schools and in the classroom. Prayers to protect more people in church from violence and shootings.

Announcements:

The church partnerships are The Lighthouse and Hope Centers in Oakland County, Michigan. The partnerships will be part of the homelessness outreach. The church was approved for sales tax exemption in the State of Michigan at Walmart. The church has received its Tax ID from Walmart that church staff will use on purchases from Walmart. Other church partnerships are Zion Hope Church and Oakland County including Royal Oak, Southfield, Pontiac, Ferndale and Troy. The church appointed a new internal committee, such as Strategic Financial Planning Committee for the 2026 budget. Bishop Hobson needed financial assistance from the community and church to help raise money. The Vision Keepers approved compensation

packages for church staff. Now, the compensation needs to be implemented so church staff can be compensated for the work for the church. Bishop Hobson encourages people and members to memorize and read Ephesians 2:14-16, 1 Peter 3:18, John 3:18 and 36, Romans 8:1, John 3:16, Matthew 20:28, Galatians 2:20, Romans 5:8 and Romans 5:10. Bishop Hobson has excellent spiritual growth to God for his devotion, influencing others, worshipping with others, and generosity. The church has pending sales tax exemption for Family Dollar, Target, Kroger, Dollar Tree and FedEx office. The church has sales tax exemption at Staples in the State of Michigan. The church wrapped the Kingdom Come: Living God Reality on Earth for two months. We are beginning a new series titled **"Open Hands: Stewarding God's Gifts with Kingdom Vision."** The church is gaining more partnerships in South Africa, Uganda, Nigeria, Kenya and Cameroon because they want to do business and partner with the church based on its new ministry called the Living Hope Africa, Homelessness Financial Relief Program and Emergency Assistance Program. Bishop Nicolas Hobson is still being nominated by businesses and organizations for the Nobel Peace Prize because he provides healing and spiritual unity among communities better than any other religious leader in this nation that individuals and members says he is must be preaching the word of God the right way to people to better understand the Bible and living a spiritual and religious life. The Benevolence Ministry received **1,921+ noncash donations** from local residents in Illinois, Michigan and Georgia according to donation receipts. The Youth and Young Adults Ministry provided spiritual guidance and assistance to **523+ youth and children** since 2014 from Youth Seminars in Michigan, Illinois and overseas in Africa. Vision Keepers has been deadlocked on compensation packages for employees because some say they support weekly and others support biweekly or monthly. Vision Keepers members are fiscal

conservatives. Some members are deadlocked because some support hourly wages and others support salaries for employees. The vote is always 8-8 with one vacancy that still needs to be filled. The church has **3 members that live in Missouri.**

Prayer of the Month:

Heavenly Father,
Guide us to live in peace and as peacemakers in the world.
Protect our children and youth from violence.
Help us avoid being tax collectors.
Help us stop living our life by mammon.
Improve families and individuals personal finances in households and while people are living in poverty and dealing with crises.
In Jesus name, Amen.

Bible Verses/Reflection:

"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good"-Romans 12:21

Reflection: This is a prayer for protection from the evil one and for strength to resist temptation. The call is to respond with acts of goodness and to avoid bitterness. We need to provide compassion for our enemies to overcome evil and resolve conflicts. People and the person did not have any compassion when Charlie Kirk got killed in Utah. All he did was called Charlie Kirk an enemy while he was providing open debate to college students on campus. People that recently killed and provide violence in churches and schools do not provide compassion for their enemies. That's why we cannot open debate with each other in this country as peacemakers because people have mental health and anger issues that are unstable that lead to violence and crime. Christians are called to love and minister to sinners as Jesus did, but they are warned against corrupting influences and forming close relationships that lead to sin. We are supposed to love our enemies. The people that provide violence in churches do not love their enemies

because they do not agree with their beliefs. What we all need to do is perform what it says in Matthew 18:15-17 is go to people alone to point out the offense in private conversation, seek reconciliation, involve witnesses if the person do not want to listen to you, report matters to the church to pastor staff do not want to listen to you, and do not judge others. This is what we need to do with the Democrats or people need to talk to those Democrats that like to influence violence is perform Matthew 18:15-17, such as have a private conversation with those Democrats about their offense, seek reconciliation with them, involve witnesses if they do not want to listen.