

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.
- September 20, 2025: Bible Class-Importance of Self-Awareness and Avoiding Hypocrisy When Judging Others in Flint at 6:30 PM
- September 5, 2025: Homelessness Prevention Roundtable Meeting at 12350 E. Outer Drive in Detroit.
- October 2025: Detroit Empowerment Summit
- September 3, 2025: Community Well-Being and Crisis Response Team Meeting in Ann Arbor

Recent Activities:

The church's current membership is **13,700** in Michigan and some members in Chicago. The church gained **174 new members: 35 seeking a new church home joining the church as members based on their Christian experience, and 86 sought baptism.** The church attendance during services is **12,054+** every week to hear preaching from guest speakers and Bishop 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 22% Latino/Hispanic, 36% Caucasian, 3% Foreigners**

and 39% Black/African-American. Church members are 66.2% women and 33.8% men as an updated church membership. There are 71 total choir members of men and women, 55 children in youth and young adult choirs according to the Membership Development Ministry, Youth and Young Adult Ministry, and Office of Honesty and Transparency. There are 48 women in the women's choir and 23 members in the men's choir according to Membership Development Ministry, and Office of Honesty and Transparency statistics and databases. There will be **425 members** scheduled for commencement in LGBTQ to Straight Recovery Program this month to convert themselves from homosexuals to straight.

Prayer Requests:

Prayers for healing, comfort and strengthening for those in need. Prayer for people living paycheck to paycheck because they say times are hard and prices feel like they are stagnate and decreased in the stores in their neighborhood. Prayers for the homeless men and women in Detroit say they are looking for a job in the private sector or temp agency to make extra money for their household. Prayer homeless man in Detroit to get off the streets and be able to get into shelter to get himself back on his feet financially and economically. Prayers from families in Chicago complaining taxes are too high and thinking about moving out of the State of Illinois to work and pay less taxes. Prayer for families looking for affordable housing in Detroit. Prayer for healing because families are dealing with sick relatives that their life can be at-risk at dying, Prayer for healing for families says they have family members in the hospital fight illnesses and severe medical procedures. Prayer for families in Michigan, Illinois and family says her brother was involved

in a brutal fight in public on the Southside of Chicago. Prayer for another family says her sisters were involved in a public fight on the south side of Chicago and looking for plans on what to do next to move out of Chicago. Prayer from families in Chicago looking for guidance with their economic hardship with finding employment and/or trying to strive financially and economically.

Announcements:

The church is starting to receive support from many large businesses with 5000+ employees in the United States of America according to the Office of Honesty and Transparency, Bylaws and Rules Committee, and Membership Development Ministry. The only thing the church needs to do is gain more financial support from those businesses with donations. The church donations can be accepted by debit or credit card at <https://giv.li/4v7plp>. The church board of Trustees members say they like to start issuing more contribution statements at the end of each year in Michigan and Texas. Most members live in Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti and Southeast Michigan according to addresses on new membership applications from Membership Development Ministry and Office of Honesty and Transparency. The church has raised \$160 this year for social services to help the homeless and needy for the Benevolence Ministry. Bishop Hobson will start preaching devotion this month related to the series. Organizations and businesses in New York, Illinois, Texas, Georgia, Ohio, Maryland and Pennsylvania have been nominating Bishop Hobson for the Nobel Peace Prize. Some current and/or former members of Salem Baptist Church of Chicago have been coming forward to nominate Bishop Hobson for the Nobel Peace Prize according to the Office of Honesty and Transparency accurate information. According to the Office of Honesty and Transparency comments and information, the staff is starting to find out some members of Salem Baptist Church of Chicago are looking for a church

home and are looking at this congregation as a new church home because his sermons in the pulpit is powerful and to the point on the Word of God. He does not compete with other churches because he welcomes and lets people come to the services and join the church on their own, although the churches run into seating issues during services every week because the congregation and attendance is growing too fast. Other pastors in Michigan, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Texas say he is preaching the word of God the right way in the pulpit and online. Starting in 2026, anyone who takes the standard deduction can also deduct a small amount of cash giving to a church or other qualifying charity. The limit is **\$1,000** for a single filer and **\$2,000** for a married couple filing jointly. The church has filed its annual report in the State of Michigan to remain in good standing with the State of Michigan. Bishop Hobson found out the First Lady Jennifer and children will be in Chicago until December 2025. Also, he found out that his Representative as a Michigan resident is Veronica Paiz (D), State Senator Paul Wojno (D), Rep. Shri Thanedar (D), Wayne County Commissioner Martha G. Scott, Police Commissioner, Lisa Carter and Latisha Johnson (D)-Detroit City Council member. Community Well-Being and Crisis Response Team that was created last year to provide safe communities for members and residents that have seven members with law enforcement and public safety background managed by an interim chairperson. Bishop Hobson is outspoken on many issues like opposition to same-sex marriage, abortion, legalizing of marijuana, death penalty and sin from God because he is trying to be a good servant to God and utilize one of my spiritual gifts known as exhortation to encourage to give up their earthly wisdom and sinning to living by heavenly wisdom from God and heaven.

The Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 508(c)(1)(a) grants automatic tax-exempt status to organizations that meet the IRS's definition of

a church, as long as they have an Employer Identification Number (EIN). This means churches are not generally required to file for 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status to be recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS. Many churches choose to apply for and obtain a 501(c)(3) determination letter from the IRS for various reasons, such as assurance for donors, State tax exemptions, increased transparency and accountability, eligibility for grants and discounts. The IRS considers various factors when determining if an organization qualifies as a church: distinct legal existence, recognized creed and form of worship, ecclesiastical government, code of doctrine and discipline, religious history, organized ministry with ordained ministers who have completed prescribed studies, established places of worship, regular congregations and services, religious education programs, and its own literature. The churches generate income by tithing and offerings, donations and fundraising, business ventures, investments, and renting out church space and grants.

Bible Verses/Reflection:

"Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?'"-Ezekiel 33:11

Reflection: God explains his compassion for the wicked and how the wicked need to turn from their wicked ways. Wickedness is not good for the soul and the heart to go to heaven after people die on earth. Bishop Hobson says people with mental health and anger issues are setting themselves up while they worry and hate on others that have more than them. Bishop Hobson agreed with a Detroit resident in recent days that homeless men and women need to get a job and get their life together. Homeless men and women need to stop begging working people for money in public and try to get their own life together and get a job. God explains in

the scripture that people need to choose the path of righteousness. The congregation has provided assistance to eleven homeless men and women in Southeast Michigan and Flint according to reports from the Benevolence Ministry.

Prayer of the Month:

Heavenly Father,

Help more people seek your guidance and wisdom.

Help and lead me to honor and familiar myself with with Psalm 46, Psalm 56, Psalm 142, Luke 6:27-36, Luke 12:4-7, Romans 8: 18-28, Ephesians 4:22-32 to end sin, violence and domestic terrorism in this nation.

Guide more people to turn away from earthly wisdom and depend on heavenly wisdom.

Help people to recognize your voice amidst the noise and distractions of the world.

Strengthen us with your Holy Spirit to resist temptation and to walk in obedience to your Word.

In Jesus name, Amen.