

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 Homelessness Prevention Review Board was created while the congregation was started in 2015, but moved to Michigan after the church transitioned out of Illinois. The advisory board has been proactive with their outreach and meetings to end homelessness and mental health. Advisory board was an idea created by Bishop Hobson in Chicago to help continue the ending homelessness and poverty. Bishop Hobson is compassionate on the issue of ending homelessness and poverty. The advisory board currently has sixteen members with community service and advocacy backgrounds. Advisory

board talks about future homelessness and community outreach efforts.

Announcements:

The Detroit Empowerment Summit is being planned in the City of Detroit to help end poverty and homelessness long-term by working with city and county leaders. Also, Contentment in Christ Leadership Conference is being planned for November 2025. Members of the Homelessness Prevention Review Board members are working on a 5-Year Agreement to help end homelessness and poverty in Detroit for next five years and revive the agreement to permanent agreement for the city of Detroit to end homelessness and poverty with our church outreach programs and working with the city and county with partnerships. The agreement will be discussed in the Homelessness Prevention Roundtable Meeting that is open to the public as well.

The church spent and raised \$7,785 for homelessness and low-income outreach in 2016 in Chicago and Detroit. The church spent and raised \$10 for homelessness and low-income outreach in 2018 to provide financial assistance to homeless men in Detroit. The church public charity status was twenty-two percent in 2014. The church had eighty-eight percent public charity status in 2016 based on financial records and tax returns. The church had twenty-seven percent public charity status in 2017. The church had fifty-nine percent public charity status in 2018. The Emergency Assistance Program provided thirty pieces of clothing, twelve food items and six household items to homelessness and low-income individuals in Flint. The Emergency Assistance Program provided ninety pieces of clothing, twenty food and personal care packages, and thirty household items in Flint. The Emergency

Assistance Program provided 465 pieces of clothing, 160 food items and 180 household items in Flint and Detroit in 2017. The Emergency Assistance Program provided thirty-four pieces of clothing, 381 food items, twenty-five personal care items and twelve household items to homelessness and low-income individuals in Flint and Detroit in 2020. The Emergency Assistance Program provided two pieces of clothing, one food and personal care packages, and two household items in Flint in 2022. The church has provided assistance to ninety-three (93%) percent of African-Americans. The church provided assistance to five (5%) percent of Latino/Hispanics. The church provided assistance to two (2%) percent of Caucasians. The program provided seventy-four African-Americans, thirty-seven Latino/Hispanic and one Uganda resident.

Bible Verse/Reflection:

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."-Luke 6:38

Reflection: The scripture speaks to a deeply abundant return of blessings when one is generous from the heart. Our actions and attitudes for spiritual order are treated. The verse encourages practicing the kind of mercy and forgiveness that mirrors God's own character. By being quick to forgive others, we open ourselves up to receiving forgiveness in return. Jesus warns against judging and condemning others. An invitation to live a life of abundant giving and compassion. We will experience God's abundant blessings in our own lives. We must strip off every pretense we have. We must give up all the things that clutter our lives, and all the things that we are often loath to lose.

Prayer of the Month:

Heavenly Father,
Guide the homeless and low-income households to prosperity with heavenly wisdom.
Guide the homeless and low-income household from earthly wisdom.
Heal the sick
Heal people with mental health and anger issues by overcoming their wickedness, sin, bondage, idolatry, temptation and abomination.
Lead and help more people on earth to become disciples to your kingdom and better disciples to your kingdom.
Stop people from leaning on their own understanding and by pride.
In Jesus name, Amen.