



# DISCIPLESHIP NEWSLETTER

**SECOND QUARTER/ APRIL – JUNE 2026**



## The Pastor's Pen

As we continue into this year, I want to take a moment to connect with you. Our City Covenant family has experienced significant loss in recent months, and my prayer is that your assurance of salvation in Christ has been a source of strength and comfort. Please know that you are not alone. Members of our ministerial team are available to support you and to listen as you navigate these challenges.

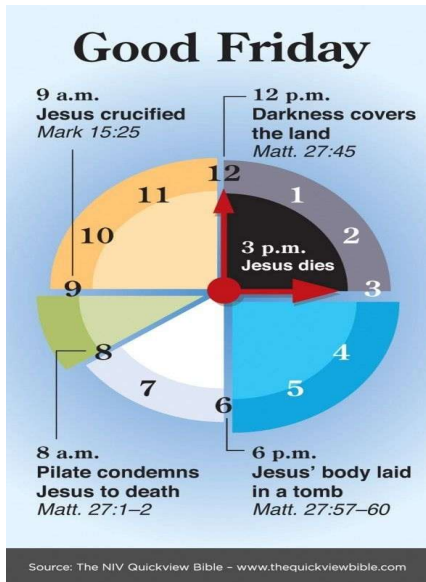
In the days and months ahead, may we remain encouraged, trusting that through our submission to our Lord and Savior, we will receive the comfort and strength we need. Your Pastor Lamin

### Scriptures for Encouragement






Romans 5:1-5; 1 Peter 5:6-7; Psalm 46:1-3 and 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

### 📖 What Is the Significance?

The Bible is all about God and His redemptive plan for humanity. From the beginning God knew we needed a Savior (Genesis 1-3; Ephesians 1:3-5).



## Guide to Holy Week

	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Sunday before Easter. Celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Observed with palm branches, parades, and celebration.	Matthew 21:9
	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> Thursday before Easter. Commemorates the Last Supper. Often observed with foot washing, stripping of the altar, and overnight prayer vigil to keep watch with Jesus in the garden.	Matthew 26:26-28
	<b>Good Friday</b> Friday before Easter. Most solemn day of the church year. Observes the day Jesus was crucified. Observed by praying the Stations of the Cross and three hours of silent prayer while Jesus was on the cross.	Matthew 27:32-56
	<b>Holy Saturday</b> Saturday before Easter. Observes the day Jesus was in the tomb. This is a day of somber reflection, reflecting on what we'd miss in a world without Jesus.	Matthew 27:57-60
	<b>Resurrection Sunday</b> Hallelujah! Christ has risen! This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Sing hallelujahs and celebrate with great joy.	Matthew 28:6-7

“For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ \_\_\_\_\_ for our sins according to the scriptures; (4) And that he was \_\_\_\_\_, and that he \_\_\_\_\_ again the \_\_\_\_\_ day according to the scriptures: (1 Corinthians 15:3kjv)

# What Does Your Name Mean?

“Names in the Bible names conveyed identity, destiny and diving purpose often reflecting God’s plan for an individual.

**Names** as Expressions of Identity and Faith:

The **Hebrew** word for “name,” shem, is closely linked to reputation and essence, meaning that, knowing someone’s name revealed something fundamental about who they were and their role in God’s plan.

**Names** were indicators of Destiny:

- Abram (exalted father) was renamed Abraham (father of many nations) to signify God’s covenant promise (Genesis 17:5)

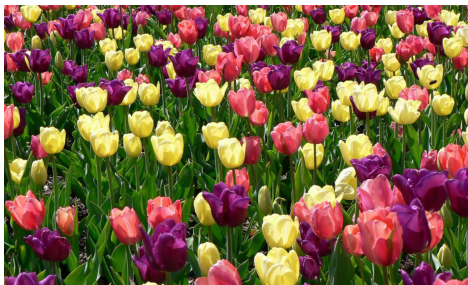
**Names** Reflected Character and Life Events:

- Samuel means “God has heard,” reflecting God’s response to Hannah’s prayer (1 Samuel 1:20).

- Spiritual & Theological Significance:

- El Shaddai (God Almighty) and Yahweh (I AM THAT I AM) communicate divine power, sufficiency, and eternal existence (Genesis 17:1; Exodus 3:14)”

The Name **April** (Latin – Aprilis) derived from the verb “**aperire**” meaning “**to open**” with spiritual associating of renewal, growth, and transformation, symbolizing rebirth and new beginnings across many cultures and spiritual



## Regular Service Schedule

Sunday’s

- 8-9am New Testament Survey Class via zoom <https://surl.li/trnfff>
- 10am Morning Prayer - 10:30am Worship Service
- Wednesday @ 6:30pm Bible Study

## In the Month of April

\*No Men & Women’s Bible Study\*

April 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:30PM – Good Friday

April 5<sup>th</sup> – Resurrection Sunday  
10am Prayer 10:30am Worship Service

Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30PM  
Teen Bible Study: Ages 13-19

April 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>: Men Retreat  
(Fri-Sun)

Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> @ Mission: City  
FREE! Family Caregiver Training  
Topic: Dementia – **Registered Seating**  
Presented by: Wayne State University  
**Register today!** 313-978-8774 **limited seating**

April 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>: Great Lakes Conference  
(Fri-Sun) Annual Celebration

## In the Month of May

Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – Men & Women’s  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday Bible Study & Fellowship

Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Usher’s Training

Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> - Mother’s Day  
\***No New Testament Survey Class**\*  
🕒 9am Morning Talk with Mom’s

Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day  
\*Kitchen Closed – No Hot Meals\*

## In the Month of June

Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> – Men & Women’s  
Bible Study & Fellowship

Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> – Father’s Day  
\***No New Testament Survey Class**\*  
🕒 9am Morning Talk with Dad’s

## In Development

Marriage Ministry: Couples Meet, Greet & Overview  
Leadership Bible Study: “Discipleship”  
Youth Ministry: Syllabus Development

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# SALVATION

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RESURRECTION	DELIVERANCE	HOLY SPIRIT	<b>Bonus Word: JESUS</b>
REPENTANCE	CHRISTIAN	SALVATION	
ACTIONS	BAPTISM	FAITH	
JESUS	SIN	GOD	

## The Romans Road to Salvation

Romans 3:10 "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Romans 5:8 "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 10:9-10 "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. (10) For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Romans 10:13 "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.



### APRIL

- 4/2 Jerrica Mickens
- 4/16 Deacon William L. Graves IV
- 4/16 Mother Anna Martin
- 4/25 Ramona Woodley
- 4/29 Beula Carter
- 4/29 Sheila Carter Brown
- 4/29 April Graves

### MAY

- 5/4 Lady Patricia Thomas
- 5/7 Pastor Semmeal Thomas
- 5/23 Kevin McKinley
- 5/24 Love Taylor
- 5/28 Reginald Harbin
- 5/30 Audrey Nelson
- 5/31 Beverly Morgan

### JUNE

- 6/1 Tanya Dixon
- 6/6 Toni Fowler
- 6/8 Juanita King
- 6/11 Patricia Jackson-Smith
- 6/15 Rachele Morgan
- 6/20 Ray Martin

### Mission: City

#### APRIL

- 4/28 Shamond

#### MAY

- 5/1 Armond
- 5/1 Eliyanah
- 5/4 Jaleah
- 5/6 Alaylia
- 5/13 Gavin
- 5/29 A'Shay

#### JUNE

- 6/6 Alyssa
- 6/6 Alayna



### 2026 Graduates

Please give Mrs. Pat or Min. Kellie your name, school, grade and contact information.

### **A Time of Devotion:**

How did David encourage himself in the Lord?


*In times of trouble believers are called to seek God's presence and guidance. How do troubles test our faith and character? By revealing our true condition that gives us opportunity for self-reflection and repentance. In times of trouble, we are also presented with the opportunity for growth and refinement (improvement). Psalms 34:19 say's "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all". In the reality of troubles, the Lord has given his children promise: "He will deliver us out of them all." As a leader David was facing emotional turmoil (1 Samuel 30:6) in that those who followed him were now wanting to stone (form of capital punishment). How must one feel to have those once for you now against you? When we read 1 Samuel 30 in its eintirety we find in David's distress he found strength in the Lord; he inquired of the Lord and he obeyed the Lord. In troubles David found peace in God. How can we find the peace of God in times of trouble?*

### **Thank you!**

*With a grateful heart, I want to extend my sincere appreciation to our church leaders, faithful volunteers, and devoted members. Your commitment, service and love for God and His people continue to strengthen and uplift our City Covenant family. From the words of Paul "We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you. Pastor Lamin & First Lady Feza.*

### **What's happening in our community?**

FREE FOOD • No registration • No income or zip code restrictions • Bags provided

 When? Every Tuesday at 10AM

 Where? Developing K.I.D.S.  
24230 W. McNichols Rd., Detroit

#### **What Assistance Do You Need?**

(research the following)

Wayne Metro Community Action Agency

Call: 313-388-9799

#### **What's happening in your district?**

District look-up: <https://detroitmi.gov/webapp>

Contact Info: 313-628-0221

**Did you know we are part of the Great Lakes Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Churches along with the following other Detroit churches?**

- [Citadel of Faith Covenant Church](#)
- [City Covenant Church](#)
- [Detroit Bible Tabernacle](#)
- [Hope Community Church](#)
- [Life Church Riverside](#)
- [Messiah Church](#)
- [New Evangel Church](#)

**Learn more:** <https://greatlakes.cc>

**ALERT!!!** "Deed Fraud" is being reported on the rise. Learn preventive measures and locate other resources at [www.detroitmi.gov](http://www.detroitmi.gov)

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