

A Pleasant Surprise

Under the present leadership of Sis. Jerusha McGhee, our own Daystar Childcare Center has shown great progress. Consistently, the Center has been given high marks by the State and other governmental agencies as a quality provider of child care.

Last year, DCC was asked to join the Great Start Readiness Program under the auspices of the Genesee Intermediate School District. This program is for children ages 3-4. After careful review, we accepted an adjusted offer to participate. We hired Sis. Correen Coultas to facilitate this program under the direction of DCC's Program Director. She is doing a splendid job.

Because of the excellent quality of the center's operation of the GSRP, DCC received a bonus check week before last from GISD in an amount in excess of \$4,000.00. SPECIAL THANKS to Sis. Jerusha, Sis. Correen and all of the DCC staff who helped make this happen!



SFT's Website and Social Media Presence

SFT is getting ready to launch a brand new website. The programming is currently being developed. It is our plan to launch the new webpages in January, 2016. Please sure to check it out as soon as it is up and running.

The web address will still be the same. It is...

southflint.org

If you wish to follow SFT on Facebook, the address is...

[facebook.com/SouthFlint](https://www.facebook.com/SouthFlint)

Also, if you would like to follow Pastor on Twitter, that address is as follows...

[@SFTBishop](https://twitter.com/SFTBishop)

Upcoming Events

2015

- ✓ Sunday, December 20 at 6:00 p.m. – **Adult Christmas Banquet** at Abbey Hall (Note: You must have purchased your ticket in advance.)
- ✓ Tuesday, December 22 at 7:00 p.m. – Final DVD Message of **Praying through the Tabernacle** (#8)
- ✓ Sunday, December 27 at 10:00 a.m. – **Only Worship Service** (Holiday Schedule)
- ✓ Thursday, December 31 at 7:00 p.m. – **2016 Launch Service**

2016

- ✓ Sunday, January 3 at 8:45 a.m. – **Leadership Training / Introducing New Study Topic**
- ✓ Friday, January 8 at 7:00 p.m. – **Purpose Institute / 2nd Semester Begins**
- ✓ Sunday, January 17 – **World Missions Day** with Special Guest Minister, Rev. Bruce Howell, General Director of Global Missions for the UPCI
- ✓ Sunday, January 31 at 10:00 a.m. – **Children's Ministry Family Day** with Guest Evangelist, Pastor Michael Brown of Howell, MI
- ✓ Wednesday, Friday & Sunday, February 24, 25 & 28 – **Transforming Revival** with Guest Evangelist, Rev. Rema Duncan of Chicago, IL

Special Greetings from Pastor and First Family

It is our sincere prayer and desire that the upcoming holiday season will be a very delightful and meaningful time for each of you and your family. May you have not only a Merry Christmas but also a Blessed Christmas! And, may your New Year be anointed with favor and filled with joy.

Our family loves you dearly; and, we pray for you daily.



South Flint Tabernacle

PASTORAL NEWSLETTER

December 15, 2015

Launch 2016 Service

The Pastor and First Lady of SFT invite you to attend our exciting Launch Service for 2016 which will be held on Thursday, December 31, 2015, at 7:00 pm. Included in this service will be:

- ✓ Praise and Worship
- ✓ The Lord's Supper
- ✓ New Testament Sacrament of Foot Washing
- ✓ Pastor's Launch Message
- ✓ Introduction of 2016 Theme
- ✓ Special 2016 Promotional Gifts



We are gearing up for a very special time; and, we want you to be a part of the experience!

Upcoming Changes at Daystar Childcare Center



We are happy to announce that as of January 4, 2016, Rev. Paul Brown is to become the new Program Director for DCC. For the last four years, Bro. Brown has served in this same capacity at the Crossroads Learning Center located in Howell, MI. His leadership was very productive. His new position places him in charge of the day-to-day operations for DCC.

Our current Program Director, Sis. Jerusha McGhee, has served since 2004. She will now be serving as Administrative Assistant to the Pastor and other members of our Executive Team. As liaison for Pastor, her portfolio will include SFT's Music Ministry, DCC, Multi-Media Ministry and other responsibilities.

I believe these changes will prove to expand the ministry of South Flint Tabernacle.

Other great things are on the way for 2016. Take a look inside...



Church Truck Now a Rolling Billboard

As noted to you previously, some time ago SFT purchased a moving-van style truck. This was done with a two-fold purpose. First, this enables the church to transport objects of large size. Second, this gives us yet another opportunity to place the church's name in the eyes and minds of the public.

Since being purchased, the truck has been put in good running condition. It has also been painted a pleasing color and, most recently, it was detailed with large letters and graphics advertising the church.



During certain days, the truck will be moved to various locations around the area and will be parked in places of plain view for short stays. It will be amazing the number of persons who will view this signage over the coming months.

New Church Facility Construction Project



There is a breath of *fresh faith* in the leadership and membership of SFT regarding the to-be-constructed new church facility. Even as I write this newsletter, the working drawings are in progress and are now some 60% completed. Also, the necessary field engineering is well underway and is now some 25% completed.

Once these matters are completed we will have a series of meetings and hearings with public officials to obtain the necessary approvals and permits. *Please pray that God will give us favor in these matters with our governmental agencies and personnel.*

Also, please pray that The Lord will help us with these additional and key items:

- The sale of our present church building at a favorable price
- Needed additional finances to keep the project moving forward and to see the new building come out of the ground

THANK YOU to each of you who have made commitments for a one-time sacrificial offering and for weekly commitments to SFT's Building Fund for Phase 3 of the project. *Your giving is so vital to this vision; and, it is much appreciated!*

New! – Entry Level Ministry

I am pleased to announce that, as of January the 1st of the coming new year, SFT will be offering Entry Level Ministry. This new ministry will focus on our new converts, as well as those regular attendees who are not yet fully converted. The purpose of this ministry will be to help better connect these folks within the church by identifying roles wherein they can participate and contribute even prior to their meeting the requirements for higher levels of participation.



Our newly appointed Coordinators of the Entry Level Ministry are Bro. Ron & Sis. Shelley Larson. They will operate under the oversight of our Assistant Pastor, Rev. Jason R. McGhee. I am confident that Bro. & Sis. Larson will be very helpful to the cause of Christ in this new responsibility.



New Bus Ministry Coordinator

The Ron Larsons have served well as our Bus Ministry Coordinators for nearly the last 3 years. Since they are now moving into a different leadership role, it has become necessary to appoint a new Bus Ministry Coordinator.

Beginning January 1, 2016, our new Bus Ministry Coordinator will be Rev. Louie Gonzalez. Bro. Gonzalez currently is leading our Bus Ministry Youth Sunday School Class and is doing a phenomenal job. Let us pray that The Lord will help Bro. Gonzalez to excel in this additional responsibility as well.



Expansion of Youth Ministry – Transformers and Hyphen

The Youth Ministry of SFT is being expanded. The ministry to our younger youth, ages 12 – High School Graduation, will continue to be known as Transformers. The new group for young, single adults, from HS Graduation – age 35, will be known as Hyphen. This is in line with the UPCI name for the ministry to this age group.



Rev. Andrew & Sis. Tiffany Brown will serve as the Directors of the Transformers. Bro. Ezekiel & Sis. Marianne Shutes will serve as the Directors of the Hyphen ministry. These two couples are presently



doing a fine job. In their new roles, they will still work together leading worship encounters and other special events and outreaches.



New Coordinators for Marriage Enrichment Ministry

We appreciate the work of Rev. Louie & Sis. Gigi Gonzalez as Coordinators of SFT's Marriage Enrichment Ministry. With Bro. Gonzalez moving over to lead our Bus Ministry, we need new coordinators for this ministry to strengthen our marriages.

Bro. Vincent & Sis. Julie Bird have been appointed to this position for 2016. We believe that they will do a good job in planning and facilitating events for our married couples. Please give them your full support.

