

PENTECOSTAL

CHURCH OF GOD

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE - JOSHUA 24:14-18

A recurring theme in the Book of Joshua is service. The people of Israel were serving God as they possessed the land of promise. In Joshua 24, we see the household of Joshua and his fellow Israelite families making a choice to serve God. After reminding the Israelites how God fulfilled His covenant by delivering them to the Promised Land (vv. 3-13), Joshua explained what they should do "now" (v. 14). First, he urged them to be faithful (v. 14). He commanded them to throw away any false idols they had carried from Egypt. Notice that he gave them a choice! "Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve" (v. 15).

Each person must have their own personal relationship with the Lord. You must make your own choice, and have your own relationship, so Joshua tells them to choose! Being a leader does not mean we can demand obedience from others. Instead of dictating to the Israelites to serve, Joshua led through example. He boldly declared, "But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD" (v. 15). Joshua is making a declaration about what matters most to him and his household. He is stating clearly and without any doubt who he will serve. For Joshua, leadership started in his home. His most important mission field was his family. He first battled the enemy at the front door of his home. No false idols would seep into his household. They would serve the Lord. Joshua was not ashamed of his family's allegiance to the Lord!

Others witnessed Joshua and his family's commitment to serve the Lord. They responded to the example set before them by recalling the many miracles of God. They remembered the Lord's coat of protection he placed on them throughout their entire journey (vv. 16-17). They followed Joshua's leadership and committed to serving God (v. 18).

As you lead your home you can influence your family through prayer, Scripture reading, daily devotions, worship, church attendance, and spending time with your family members. No matter what your role outside the home, what happens within is very important. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!

MINISTER'S GETAWAY

Make plans to join us for our bi-annual Minister's Getaway on September 19 - 21 at The Shack in Jugville, MI! Reserve before August 8 by scanning the QR Code!



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PRAYER REQUEST

- Chuck Kincaid surgery recovery
- Peggy Craft surgery recovery
- Family of Tricia Killbreath from her passing
- Dawn Hansen surgery recovery
- Reaghann Orrick, daughter of Pastor Jason Orrick.
- George Reid surgery recovery
- Upcoming Events
- Our Pastors, Ministers, Churches & Missionaries

OPEN CHURCHES FOR PASTORING

- Faith Christian Assembly (Midland)
- Hartford PCG (Hartford)
- Harvest Time (Youth Pastor, Grand Blanc)

MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT

The following churches received recognition from the National Global Missions Department for 2023 World Mission's giving from the Michigan District Pentecostal Church of God.

1. **Tabernacle Family Ministries of Riverdale** - \$13,694
2. **El Bethel of Hillsdale** - \$9,400
3. **Trinity Fellowship of Boyne City** - \$9,050.

We appreciate all our churches who support missions in giving and prayers!



Pastors Bob & Susan of TFM



Pastors David & Pat of El Bethel



Pastors Paul & Suzanne of Trinity

IMPACT MI UPCOMING EVENTS



No phones meant more friendships were made at camp!

IMPACT YOUTH CAMPS are underway! Kids and High School camp were truly amazing. Junior High Camp is August 5-9. Registration today on impactmi.com/camp.

JUNIOR HIGH CAMP

AUGUST 5TH - 9TH



FAMILY STATE RALLY

AUGUST 24TH



MSU VS FAU

AUGUST 30TH



GIRL TALK

SEPTEMBER 6TH - 7TH



MSU VS PRAIRIE VIEW

SEPTEMBER 14TH



Join us for our **ALL STATE** rally! Outside live worship, word, food, and tons of activities!

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to pastors Ron and Dawn Hansen, and congregation. Breath of Life Ministries in Alba celebrated 50 years on June 30th.



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