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PASTOR'S TEACHING CORNER

Not in My House - Judges Chapter 17, Verses 1-4

17 Now a man named Micah from the hill country of Ephraim 2 said to his mother, "The eleven hundred shekels of silver that were taken from you and about which I heard you utter a curse—I have that silver with me; I took it." Then his mother said, "The Lord bless you, my son!" 3 When he returned the eleven hundred shekels of silver to his mother, she said, "I solemnly consecrate my silver to the Lord for my son to make an image overlaid with silver. I will give it back to you. 4 So after he returned the silver to his mother, she took two hundred shekels of silver and gave them to a silversmith, who used them to make the idol. And it was put in Micah's house.

Pastor Hightower shared how the world that we live in has changed so much that just about anything goes in our collective house. He mentioned that there is the undereducation of our black and brown children, and that there is the overuse of drugs and alcohol in all the wrong places. He said that there is an absence of boundaries around when to have sex and who should have sex. Finally, he said we are asked to pay high prices, whether for food, gas, or housing. He added that something happened in the house in this text that should not have happened. He said that things are happening in our houses today that should not be happening and he pointed to three things in the text that everyone should know. They were:

1. There was Lust.
2. There was a Lie
3. There was the Law.

NOVEMBER FRIDAY PRAYER

Join the TVNB Congregation this Month for Fasting Friday. If possible, please fast from Friday morning until noon. If you must eat before noon for medical reasons, please do so. Otherwise, join me in praying that God will aid the church as it leans more and more on the Holy Spirit. During the month of November, let us allow the Holy Spirit to continue to work on us and in us and through us.

Dear Heavenly Father, allow your Holy Spirit to guide us into all righteousness. In Jesus' name we do pray.

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Bible Study

There was no Bible Study last week due to severe weather.

We are back this Wednesday and invite you to join the Bible Study Crew at 7pm!



Birthdays & Anniversaries

November Birthdays & Anniversaries will be included in next week's newsletter. Our apologies for the delay.



Happy birthday & anniversary to our members celebrating another year of life & matrimony!

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NEWS & NOTES FROM THE WEEK

Sunday at TVNB

Thank you to all that joined us for our Sunday Service. The Spirit was high and filled the sanctuary and were blessed to have **4 visitors.** We also welcomed **Sister Paverd-Page** to the congregation as she joined TVNB as a baptism for candidate.The entire church family is asked to pray and welcome Sister Paverd-Page to TVNB!



Our total contribution from tithes and offerings this week was $7,535. We thank you all for making it a great Sunday at TVNB and for your support in building our church kingdom!

Calling All Youth - Youth Choir Practice this Wednesday at 6:30pm

Youth Choir practice will be held this Wednesday in the Griffin Center. The practice will start at 6:30pm. Brother and Sister Steele are getting the youth ready for this week's Youth Sunday!

Breast Cancer Awareness Month Donation Update!

We are blessed to share that the selected recipient of TVNB's $500 donation to a breast cancer cause was St. Jude. Thank you again to all that supported and honored Breast Cancer Awareness Month last month!

TVNB Happenings!

- Extra extra read all about it! TVNB member **Dr. Ella Gates-Mahmoud** was recently featured in the *Insight Journal* highlighting her and the legacy of Seed Academy! You can read the full article here.



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Upcoming Events

- Nov. 3: Election Day
- Nov. 4: Youth Choir Practice at 6:30pm
- Nov. 4: Bible Study at 7pm
- Nov. 8: Youth Sunday

Corporate Prayer Line

The prayer line is live daily at 7:14am and 9:15pm. To join, please call **516.253.3725**. All are welcome.

Prayer Line Etiquette

- *To limit additional sounds, please mute your phone when you are not speaking.*
- *Please do not utilize speaker phone while on the prayer line as the sound is not always clear to others.*

Please keep our Sick & Shut-in members in your prayers....

- **Sis. Dorothy Albritton**
- **Mother Adams**
- **Mother Burkhalter**
- **Sis. Louise Evans**
- **Sis. Bettie Jones**
- **Mother Rosia Jones**
- **Mother Posey**
- **Mother Smith**

If you know someone that should be included on this list, please let Sis. Griffin know at 612.522.8485.

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NEWS & NOTES FROM THE WEEK CONT.

Save the Date!

- **Nov. 15: Volunteers of America** will set up in the Griffin Center after service to share some important information for those of us caring for elderly family members. They will share information on dementia and other disabilities that impact our seniors. Please plan on stopping by the Griffin Center after service. Please see Sister Etta Riley for more information.

2026 TVNB Theme: Standing on the Promises of God

By which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is n the world because of sinful desire. (2nd Peter1:4)

Pastor Hightower's Prayer for 2026

- That God sees fit to bring us closer together as a congregation.

Do You Have News to Share?

If you have an update or a bit of good news that you would like to share with your church family, please let us know. Recent travels, special recognition, or a child excelling in school, make sure to tell us so we can spotlight you in the newsletter! Also, please let us know your birthday to ensure it is included in our monthly Birthday Posting.

Electronic Giving

TVNB is no longer able to accept CashApp. If you would like to give electronically we recommend that you use our online giving option at tvnbchurch.com/give or Zelle. Thank you for supporting TVNB!



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Tithes & Giving

We believe that God calls us to be generous and joyful givers of our time, talent and treasures. It is our hope to combine our gifts to multiply the presence of our church and be a resource to our community.

If you are unable to submit your tithes in-person, please feel free to utilize our digital option at **tvnbchurch.com/give**.

TVNB Church App.

Stay connected with TVNB with our church app! Download our free mobile app to:

- Receive church notifications
- Pay tithes digitally
- Watch services online
- View the Bible on your smart phone

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A Note on Election Day from Pastor Hightower



Why We Have to Vote in 2026 - Rev. Dr. Clarence Hightower

For most of the nation's first century, the right to vote was largely restricted to white, property-owning men. This version of an American democracy based on racial, gender, and economic privilege coexisted with and was reinforced by the institution of race-based chattel slavery. In 1865, the end of the Civil War brought an end to legalized slavery in the United States. It also ushered in the revolutionary time period known as Reconstruction. As newly freed African Americans stepped forward to claim their full rights as citizens — including the right to vote — they defined, demanded, and died for a new vision of American democracy based on principles of racial equality.

In 1865 and 1866, African Americans held political conventions in states across the South. They protested their treatment by the governments of former Confederate states, which had agreed to abolish slavery but also enacted Black Codes, discriminatory laws that restricted the civil rights of newly freed people and forced them to sign labor contracts with white planters. Freedmen's conventions drew national attention to the injustices of Black Codes. The conventions also petitioned Congress for voting rights and recognition as equal citizens under the law.

In 1867, Congress passed the Reconstruction Acts, which placed former Confederate states under military rule until they ratified the 14th Amendment and established new constitutions guaranteeing equal rights and protections to African Americans. Under the Reconstruction Acts, black men in southern states could vote and hold office for the first time. It has been a long journey.

While the Reconstruction Acts of 1867 established voting rights for black men in the South, most northern states, except Maine and Vermont, still restricted the vote to white men. That changed in 1870 with the ratification of the 15th Amendment, which declared that states could not deny the right to vote "on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude." As Democrats regained control of state governments in the South, they passed laws designed to prevent African Americans from voting, using tactics such as poll taxes and literacy tests to get around the 15th Amendment's ban on race-based voting laws.

As white southerners suppressed black political activity and denied black men the vote, most African American officeholders lost their offices. At the national level, 22 African Americans had held seats in Congress between 1870 and 1901. After Rep. George Henry White of North Carolina left office in 1901, no Black U.S. representatives served in Congress again until 1929. No Black U.S. senator was elected again until 1967. "It is an undisputed fact the Black vote has been effectively suppressed … in some instances by constitutional amendment and State legislation, in others by cold-blooded fraud and intimidation."

We are experiencing suppression in 2026. This time, we cannot hope that someone will give us a law that can later be struck down. We need to vote! I voted early, TVNB, if you have not voted, do so today!