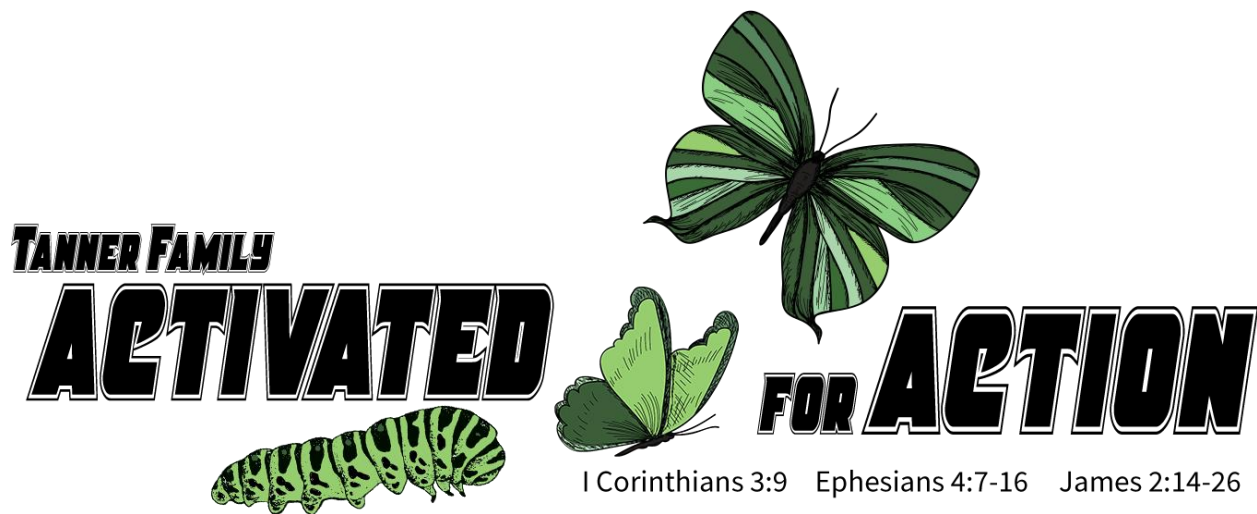

Greetings Tanner Family and Friends. We thank God for a great conference year, September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019. Through our corporate church theme: Ignited for Impact – A Season of Miracles, Signs and Wonders, which was anchored in Acts 2:43-47, we were ignited for impact through the empowerment of God’s Relevant Word; our Relevant Works and Worship. The people of God showed up and God showed out. God blessed our congregation beyond our wildest expectations. To God be the Glory!

Bishop Fugh’s theme for the 2019-2020 conference year is Kingdomtide (ordinary time) – A Season of Growth with the concentration on the local congregation; edifice; community, mission; advocate for something/someone – Latch on to a cause that has eternity in it and let it lift you. The color for the conference year is green with the butterfly serving as the pictorial image for the theme. This theme is anchored in Psalm 126:1-6 and Matthew 13:10-17.



Now that we have been Ignited for Impact, we are called to **Activate for Action – Extraordinary People DOING Extraordinary Things**. This is our theme focus for the 2019-2020 conference year and it is anchored in scripture from I Corinthians 3:9; Ephesians 4:7-17; and James 2:14-26.

Last conference year, we dedicated ourselves to becoming an Acts 2 Church – a W.E.L.L. – **w**orshipping, **e**vangelizing, **l**earning and **l**oving – Church. This idea of being a W.E.L.L. Church came from Rick Warren, pastor of Saddleback Church. He states that the key to church growth is church health. A W.E.L.L. church finds ways to move people from where they are to where God wants them to be on their spiritual journey. Every week, we must find ways to Activate, Encourage, Engage, and Motivate people for ministry. **We are ordinary people called to do extraordinary things.**

As we prepare to celebrate 134 years of existence in the State of Arizona as the oldest African American church, we are thanking God that we are historical and not history. We are thankful that we are able to continue to provide a relevant ministry that has purpose, passion and power. I still believe God is calling Tanner to stretch its faith in a way that brings glory to the Kingdom of God on earth.

In I Chronicles 4:10 we read about the prayer of Jabez, whose name meant sorrow. Jabez was an underdog, one at a disadvantage, a broken man who prayed to God. His prayer was a prayer of purpose, a prayer of prosperity – *enlarge my territory*, a prayer of protection and God granted his request.

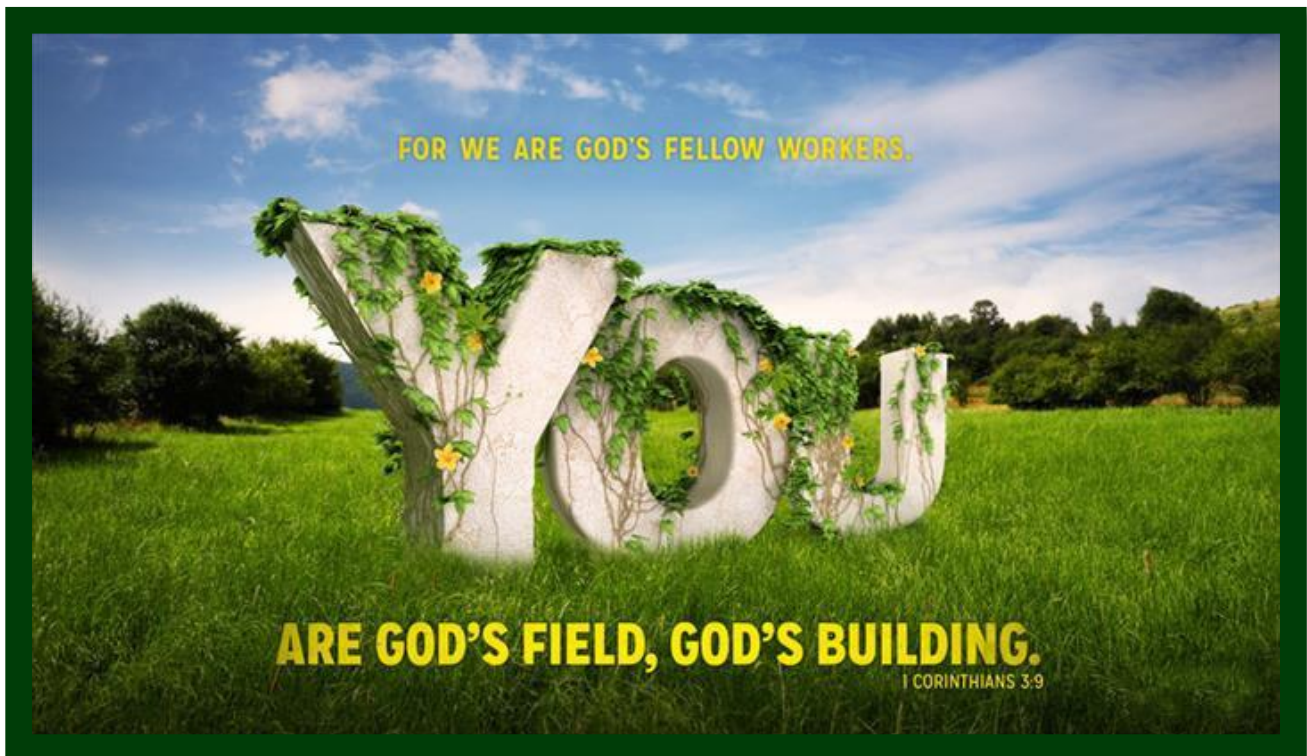
God if you can use anybody, you can use me. Activate us for Action! The activation factor in church health is to get every member involved in ministry. We are ordinary people capable of doing extraordinary things for Kingdom building on earth. We of ourselves are limited, but we serve an unlimited God whom we have declared that nothing is impossible for Him to do.

In this season we are CALLING every member to become actively engaged in the life of the church. When God appoints, He also empowers, He is faithful to provide all that you need and He will work through your weaknesses and all.

In many ways, engagement is another word for church involvement. Instead of measuring who shows up, engagement focuses on how they show up or what

they do when they attend. Engagement is best defined as people doing activities that further our church's ministry, mission and community involvement.

We have been ignited to make an impact for God, and we are now being called to move forward in our **Ignition to Activation**. God is calling us to activate our Faith in Him, His power, and His purpose for us in Kingdom building through the stewardship of our talent, time and tithe. We are being given the charge of **Activation for Action**.





Our Goals: Reach Beyond our Limits – Stretch our Faith to:

- **Grow in Spirituality**
 - Transforming lives to the glory of God through God’s word and through our worship.
- **Grow in Service – Teamwork**
 - Activated for Action. God works thru us in service.
 - Move from 20% of the membership doing the work to 100% of the membership actively participating in the work of the church and its Kingdom building
 - Get people involved in the core work of our church to enhance our Kingdom building on earth
- **Grow in Size – Be Fruitful**
 - Cultivating a culture – Creating an environment where everybody is somebody.
 - Move from only trying to attract new people to actively engaging people in the work of Tanner’s missions for Kingdom building

GROW SPIRITUALLY



The anchor of growing Christians is the Word of God. Through the Word we learn of God and His plan of salvation. But not only that, our hearts and minds, if we have ears to hear and eyes to see, we are enlightened with the things of God, His purpose and plan for our lives. Daily study of God’s word will help us to

grow spiritually. And as a church body, we must grow spiritually in the ways of God to do the work He has called us to do.

Many congregations are unfruitful and lacking in spiritual vitality. It's possible for large numbers of people in church who attend worship regularly, go to conferences and workshops, listen to Christian radio, read Christian books, study the Scriptures, and continually take in the Word as it is preached from the pulpit, and yet still find themselves lifeless and unproductive.

Let's take a look at an analogy – the Dead Sea. The Dead Sea is so mineral rich, especially with salt that it contains no fish or plant life. Why is that? It is because there are no outlets. A great volume of water pours into this area, but nothing flows out. Many inlets plus no outlets equals a dead sea. A congregation that has a large number of its members receiving ministry – the inlet - but not working in ministry – the outlet is like the Dead Sea. To grow our spirituality, we must take what we have received (ACTIVATE IT) and GO out and work the work (TAKE ACTION) of Kingdom building, both inside and outside the walls of our church.

- Through our weekly Sunday worship, Church School and Bible study we are receiving exactly what we need for Activation. God is saying to us:
“ACTIVATE!” Take the fruit I have given you and be fruitful!

So how do we move from fruit to being fruitful in our Spiritual life?

GROW IN SERVICE



Let's look at Ephesians 4:7-16:

⁷ But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. ⁸ This is why it says:

*“When he ascended on high,
he took many captives
and gave gifts to his people.”*

⁹ (What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? ¹⁰ He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) ¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Most church members have the mindset that we go to church only to get, but in truth we go to church to give. We don't go to church; we are the church and each member is valuable and needed.

Just as it takes every ligament to hold a physical body together, it takes each member in the body of Christ to do their part in order for the church to be strong and hold together. When each part functions the body grows and stays strong. When a part of the physical body fails to function or is cut, the body is no longer complete, therefore it cannot operate the same as a body that has all its working parts – working together. The same goes with the body of Christ. When a member of the body of Christ decides he or she is no longer needed or they want to operate independently, growth of the body is stunted.

The body of Christ is made up of individual Christians who are diverse in tastes, appearance, and gifts. The great thing about God's church is that unity does not demand uniformity. The most beautiful illustrations of unity are when diverse people unite under the power of the Holy Spirit to work together for the good of

God's kingdom. Consider the twelve men Jesus chose for His earthly ministry. Could it have been a more diverse group? What was Jesus teaching us in His choice of these various persons; impulsive fisherman, despised tax collectors, political zealots? What about the people God has chosen to be a part of the ministry of Tanner? Your church needs you.

While you waiting on God do what waiters do – SERVE!

Have you discovered your ministry in the church, if you don't it is time for you to find it, because the will of God is that you *have fulfillment in your life*; the call of God is – **ACTIVATE for ACTION!**

GROW IN SIZE



To grow in size – kingdom building – We begin with our spirituality, which moves us to service, which then brings fruitfulness in kingdom building. Moreover, with size comes fortification.

Ephesians 4:12-13 reads:

¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

The church, our church, will be built up in the faith through our life of action. We will grow in size because there will be unity in the church; our knowledge of the Son of God is growing; whereby we are maturing in the serving the Lord and attaining the whole measure of the fulness of Christ.

I love the spirit of the builders of the cathedral in Seville, Spain, in 1401, who said, *"Let us build here a church so great that those who come after us will think us*

mad ever to have dreamed of it!” If we are going to build a great church – not a church building, but a church made of spiritually mature, service oriented Christians in our community, we could use a bit of the mad dreaming.

It is said that this generation is the wealthiest generation of Christians ever. I believe this to be true. We are more IT savvy, and more educated and experienced than the generation before. We have the most advanced technology of all time and we can travel around the world in 24 hours or send a message in a millisecond. Therefore, I ask, *“can we do something for God with all this?”* *“Why not?”*

Author, Max Lucado, in his book **“Outlive Your Life”** says this: *“we have this one-of-a-kind lifetime and a once-in-a-history opportunity.”* We must invest into this generation and be DIFFERENCE MAKERS for the next generation.

Tanner is a strong church because there is the 20% of you who are using your spiritual gifts. We will be even stronger when the 80% puts their gifts into action as well. **ACTIVATE FOR ACTION!**



TANNER FAMILY

ACTIVATED FOR ACTION

Ordinary People **DOING** Extraordinary Things

I Corinthians 3:9 | Ephesians 4:7-16 | James 2:14-26

MISSION STATEMENT

Historic Tanner Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church is a Christ-centered body of believers providing a spiritual foundation to transform lives for Christ to the Glory of God!

CHURCH'S MOTTO

You never outgrow your need for God . . . we can help you meet that need.

2019 | 2020 CHURCH THEME

ACTIVATED FOR ACTION

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God is saying to us: ACTIVATE!

ACTIVATE GOD'S WORD

— Study God's Word

- Church School
- Neighborhood Bible Study Groups
- Attend Leadership Training Retreat

- Participate in Evangelism and Stewardship Weekend workshops

ACTIVATE OUR WORKS

— Participate | Support | Volunteer

- Tanner's 24-hour Prayer Vigils - December and Lenten Season
- DO SOMETHING Ministry Fair
- Annual 40-day Lent Fast
- Joint Palm Sunday Celebration Service - Bishop Fugh is preaching
- 2020 Church Revival
- ACTIVATE your gifts to the glory of God
- Encourage every member to get involved in a ministry of the church
- Voter Registration
- 2020 Census

— Organize | Recognize | Prepare

- Organize a Greeters Team for Sunday morning worship services and other church related programs
- Recognize Music

Department and Volunteers with a special reception

- Begin preparations for hosting the 134th session of the DMAC in 2020
- Begin preparations for Tanner's 134th Church Anniversary in 2020

— Develop New Ministries

- Latino Ministry
- Economic Development Ministry Job Skills Program
- Grief Counseling | Support Group Ministry
- Experience Tanner Ministry - (A multi-media ministry that encompasses Tanner's website, social media, graphic designs, publications, visual worship service media presentations, and videography through the use of technology and media.)
- Helping Hands and Caring Hearts Ministry
- Tanner Toddlers Ministry
- Youth Athletic Ministry

— **Evangelism**

- Continue to create a friendly atmosphere for visitors and new members
- Talk Your Church Up — Be Positive Campaign
- Every Member Win a Member Drive
- Reach out to Millennials, children, youth, young adults, men, women, families and the un-churched
- Be welcoming to people who are searching for God and a church home

— **Support the Visions & New Programs and Software**

- Collaborate with Tanner Community Development Corporation in community outreach
- Collaborate with Tanner Properties for opportunities to develop Tiny Houses for Veterans

— **Financial Support**

- Support the 2019 | 2020 annual budget
- Church Conference Claims: \$100 yearly
\$2 a week for 50 weeks
- Become a Tither
- Encourage members 21-25 to support the church with at least a \$5 love gift every Sunday
- Encourage members 26-35 to support the church with at least a \$10 love gift every Sunday, if they are not yet tithers
- Men's Day & Women's Day Love Gift Support
- Tanner's Food Pantry

and other outreach ministries

- Contribute towards the purchase of a fire alarm
- Special Lent Offering
\$1 per day for 40 days

— **From Dreams to Reality**

- Repair plumbing in Fellowship Hall and office building - **COMPLETED**
- Establish and train a church emergency evacuation plan
- Purchase 1 to 2 outdoor digital signs (*Washington and Jefferson*)
- Complete research and plans for church expansion | additions (*elevator, upgraded bathrooms, expanded Fellowship Hall and additional classrooms*)
- Background checks for ministers and for all persons working with Tanner's youth

but how to make His power that is released on our behalf work for us is what many don't know. One of the ways to activate that power is through worship and praise! Throughout the Scriptures, we find amazing and inspiring accounts of how God delivered His people from imminent destruction and dire circumstances, when they activated His power through worship and praise.

- Faithfully attend worship services
- Evaluate our worship and music ministry to enhance our worship experience that engages and offers a life changing Worship experience
- Be relentless in our Devotion
- Show heartfelt affection and caring towards each other
- Practice sacrificial generosity
- Spread contagious Joy

ACTIVATE OUR WORSHIP

— ***As Christians, God hears and answers when we pray,***

