"THE BLACK CHURCH"

The Black Church is one of the oldest African-American institutions in the United States. Black men and women who were converted to Christianity began to organize their own churches long before the Civil War set them free. Often, they had to endure opposition, and even persecution, for their determination to worship together.

The first African Baptist Church was established in Savannah, Georgia in 1788 by Andrew Bryan, a slave. White Southerners often opposed black churches because they feared that they might be used as means of organization and resistance to slavery. Some slaves who joined Bryan's church were whipped by their masters, but they continued to attend. Bryan himself was beaten and jailed in an effort to get him to close his church. But, with the help of his master - who approved of his preaching, he was released and continued his work. Slaves whose masters disapproved of religion had to organize secret meetings. These prayer meetings were held at night, outdoors in the woods and became known as "the invisible church."

Mary Reynolds was almost one-hundred years old when her memories were recorded in the 1930's. She had been a slave on a big cotton plantation in Louisiana. She describes her parents' determination to pray, despite the threats of Solomon, a cruel overseer:

…We was scared of Solomon and his whip, though…He didn't like for us niggers to pray, either. We never heared of no church, but us have praying in the cabins. We'd set on the floor and pray with our heads down low and sing low, but if Solomon heared he'd come and beat on the wall with the stock of his whip. He'd say, "I'll come in there and tear the hide off your backs." But some of the old niggers tell us we got to pray to God that He don't think different of the blacks and the whites. I know that Solomon is burning in hell today, and it pleasures me to know it.

Once my maw and paw taken me and Katherine [her sister] after night to slip to 'nother place to a-praying and singing. A nigger man with white beard told us a day am coming when niggers only be slaves of God. We prays for the end of tribulation and the end of beatings and for shoes that fit our feet. We prayed that us niggers could have all we wanted to eat and special for fresh meat. Some of the old ones say we have to bear all, 'cause that all we can do. Some say they was glad to the time they's dead, 'cause they'd rather rot in the ground than have the beatings. What I hated most was when they'd beat me and I didn't know what they beat me for, and I hated them stripping me naked as the day I was born. When we's coming back from that praying, I think I hear the nigger dogs and somebody on horseback. I say, "Maw, it's them nigger hounds and they'll eat us up." You could hear them old hounds and sluts a-bayin. Maw listens and say, "Sure 'nough, them dogs am running and God help us!" Then she and Paw talk and they take us to a fence corner and stands us up 'gainst the rails and say, "Don't move and if anyone comes near, don't breath loud." They went to the woods, so the horse chase them and not git us. Me and Katherine stand there, holding hands, shaking so we can hardly stand. We hears the hounds come nearer, but we don't move. They goes after Paw and Maw, but they circles round to the cabins and gits in. Maw say it the power of God.

Through all this, the Black Church endured and Mary Reynolds' parents continued to pray.

Religion remains a central feature of African-American life and culture in the United States.

"Blessed are those who mourn; for they will be comforted" (Matthew 5:4)

To The Benjamin, Davis & Stovall Family:

Life inevitably includes losses; a loved one has passed away, a relationship or marriage has ended, or you've lost a job. As we navigate these changes in life, the Presence and Power of God within keeps us grounded, centered and comforted.

You can grow through grief by opening to any and all opportunities that come your way. You are comforted by divine love and know you are whole. This season of your life is only temporary; this too shall pass.

In the comforting presence, you are free from fear; your grief is eased, for those who have transitioned from this life experience are not truly gone. They are one with spirit and so are you. God is with you always, and you are

The Historical Significance of Watchnight Services

Many of us who grew up in Black communities in the United States have probably heard of "**Watchnight Services**," the gathering of the faithful in church on New Year's Eve. The service usually begins anywhere from 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. and ends at midnight with the entrance of the New Year. Some folks come to church first, before going out to celebrate. For others, church is the only New Year's Eve event.

Like many others, I always assumed that Watchnight was a fairly standard Christian religious service - made a bit more Afrocentric because that's what happens when elements of Christianity become linked with the Black church. Still, it seemed that predominantly White Christian churches did *not* include Watchnight services on their calendars, but focused instead on Christmas Eve programs. In fact, there were instances where clergy in mainline denominations wondered aloud about the propriety of linking religious services with a secular holiday like New Year's Eve. However, there is a reason for the importance of New Year's Eve services in African American congregations.

The **Watchnight Services** in Black communities that we celebrate today can be traced back to gatherings on December 31, 1862, also known as "Freedom's Eve." On that night, Blacks came together in churches and private homes all across the nation, anxiously awaiting news that the Emancipation Proclamation actually had become law. Then, at the stroke of midnight, it was January 1, 1863, and all slaves in the Confederate States were declared legally free. When the news was received, there were prayers, shouts and songs of joy as people fell to their knees and thanked God.

Black folks have gathered in churches annually on New Year's Eve ever since, praising God for bringing us safely through another year.

It's been 156 years since that first Freedom's Eve and many of us were never taught the African American history of Watchnight, but tradition still brings us together at this time every year to celebrate "how we got over."

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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What is the True Meaning of Christmas?

John 3:16-17

The true meaning of Christmas is love. John 3:16-17 says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." The true meaning of Christmas is the celebration of this incredible act of love.

The real Christmas story is the story of God becoming a human being in the Person of Jesus Christ. Why did God do such a thing? Because He loves us! Why was Christmas necessary? Because we needed a Savior! Why does God love us so much? Because He is love itself (1 John 4:8). Why do we celebrate Christmas each year? Out of gratitude for what God did for us, we remember His birth by giving each other gifts, worshipping Him, and being especially conscious of those who are poor and less fortunate.

The true meaning of Christmas is love. God loved His own and provided a way - the only Way - for us to spend eternity with Him. He gave His only Son to take our punishment for our sins. He paid the price in full, and we are free from condemnation when we accept that free gift of love. "But God demonstrated His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

Submitted by J. Glasco | Source: Gotquestions.org
Recommended Resource: The Case for Christmas by Lee

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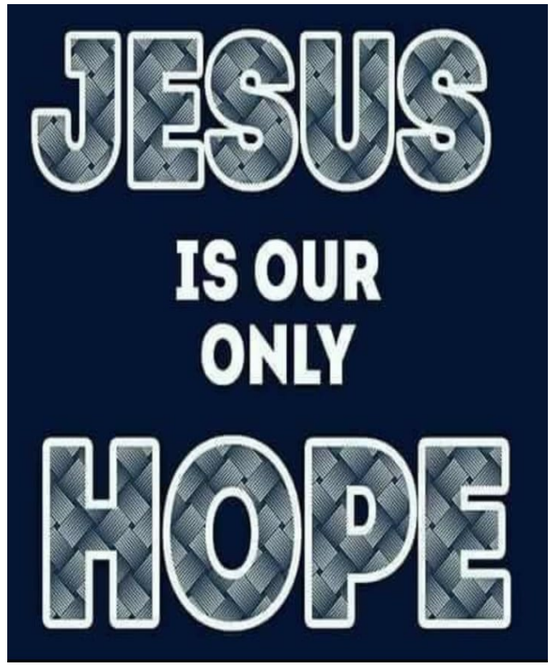
The Gift of Peace - The Peace That Matters

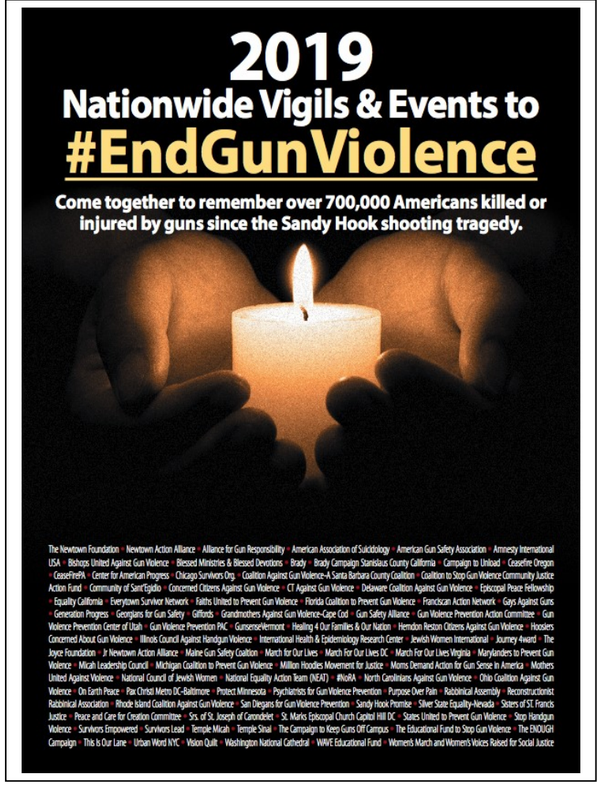
And He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. Ephesians 2:17-18

On the night when the wondrous birth took place in the little hill village in Judea, the things that loomed large in the minds of most people were things that made noise for a short while on the earth. There was a decree of Caesar Augustus, which crowded roads and towns with travelers; there were other matters of more localized interest, which were topics of earnest discussion. All of this that seemed so important at the time was of no consequence to anyone a few years later. But that God, on that night, quietly reached down from heaven and intervened in the fate of mankind…***that changed the history of the world and is still the ground of the only hope of the children of Adam and Eve and the only source of peace for their souls.***

As we go our way through life, the noise and the tumult of events in the material world around us beat on our ears and bid for our attention. Is it right that we concern ourselves with them and play our part in them? But when all is said and done, our highest destiny and our most precious goods are not at stake in any changes of earthly circumstances. It is when God enables us to become children again at the manger bed of his own Child -- it is then that we find ourselves in the presence of that which really matters and which is able to give meaning and purpose to our lives and rest to our souls.

Today: I will set aside a few minutes to think about the spiritual peace that is mine because of the coming of Jesus Christ. Read Ephesians 2:13-22





~Our Prayer to End Gun Violence~

" God of grace and love. You heard the cries of the Israelites in bondage. And you hear our cries today as we live in a world of Violence, Oppression and Persecution.

Teach us to be a Community of Peace and Nonviolence. Give us the Power of Prayer, the Prayer of Kindness and the Prayer of Acts of Justice, to push back the darkness of aggression.

Help us to root out the evil one that has planted bullet seeds of death in our communities. Comfort us with your mighty

Go, Tell It on the Mountain ***cc***

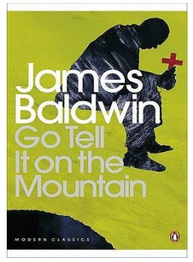
Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere.
Go tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ was born.

While shepherds kept their watching,
O'er silent flocks by night.
Behold throughout the heavens,
There shone a holy light.

Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere.
Go tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ was born.

The shepherds feared and trembled,
When lo! above the earth.
Rang out the angel chorus,
That hailed the Savior's birth.

Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere.
Go tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ was born.



Down in a lonely manger,
The humble Christ was born.
And God sent us salvation,
That blessed Christmas morn.

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ was born.

Sick & Recovering
"Naked & Ye Clothed Me; I Was Sick & Ye Visited Me"
Matthew 25:36

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Sisters:

Mother Fannie Bolden
Pearlie Burrows
Sandra Chestnut
Linda Crooks
Elizabeth Crudup
Dea. Theresa Johnson
Watch Care
Dea. Edith Lewis
Mother Sue McCray
Juanita Parker
Daisy Partridge
Julia Perry
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Please remember to pray for our sick and recoveries
Visit Send Cards

"Worship by Giving!"

Worship Leader: 8. Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. 9. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. 10. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will [illegible] of heaven, and pour [illegible] shall not be room [illegible]

Worship Leader:
"Worship by Givin
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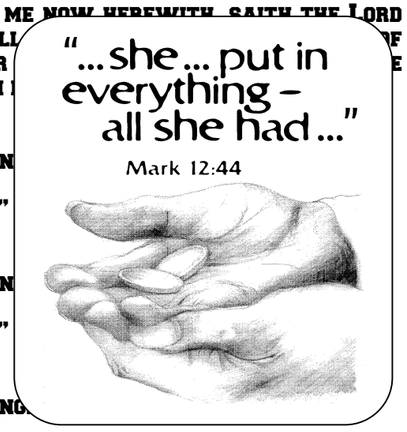

'Twas the Night Before JESUS Came

**T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE JESUS CAME,
AND ALL THROUGH THE HOUSE,
NOT A CREATURE WAS PRAYING, NOT ONE IN THE HOUSE.
THEIR BIBLES WERE LAID ON THE SHELF WITHOUT CARE,
IN HOPES THAT JESUS WOULD NOT COME THERE.**

**THE CHILDREN WERE DRESSING TO CRAWL INTO BED,
NOT ONCE EVER KNEELING OR BOWING A HEAD.
AND MOM IN HER ROCKER WITH BABY ON HER LAP,
WAS WATCHING THE LATE SHOW WHILE I TOOK A NAP.**

**WHEN OUT OF THE EAST THERE AROSE SUCH A CLATTER,
I SPRANG TO MY FEET TO SEE WHAT WAS THE MATTER.
AWAY TO THE WINDOW, I FLEW LIKE A FLASH,
TORE OPEN THE SHUTTERS AND THREW UP THE SASH!**

**WHEN WHAT TO MY WONDERING EYES SHOULD APPEAR,
BUT ANGELS PROCLAIMING THAT JESUS WAS HERE.
WITH A LIGHT LIKE THE SUN SENDING FORTH A BRIGHT RAY,
I KNEW IN A MOMENT THIS MUST BE THE DAY!**

**THE LIGHT OF HIS FACE MADE ME COVER MY HEAD,
IT WAS JESUS! RETURNING JUST LIKE HE HAD SAID.
AND THOUGH I POSSESSED WORLDLY WISDOM AND WEALTH,
I CRIED WHEN I SAW HIM IN SPITE OF MYSELF.**

**IN THE BOOK OF LIFE WHICH HE HELD IN HIS HAND,
WAS WRITTEN THE NAME OF EVERY SAVED WOMAN AND MAN.
HE SPOKE NOT A WORD AS HE SEARCHED FOR MY NAME,
WHEN HE SAID, "IT'S NOT HERE" MY HEAD HUNG IN SHAME.**

THE PEOPLE WHOSE NAMES HAS BEEN WRITTEN WITH LOVE,

Hymn Testimony

Do you have a special connection to a hymn that has helped you during a difficult season or draws you especially close to the Lord?

Let us know! We are looking for stories from members of how or why a particular hymn is endearing. If you would like to share your hymn story, please contact Sister Veronica Stovall at (215) 229-8048 or email vgstovall@yahoo.com or bereanvision@yahoo.com

"Let the little children come to me ...."

MATTHEW 19:14

We invite you and your children, of all ages, to join us for Sunday School every Sunday morning @9:00 A.M.

We Look forward to seeing you!

Berean Baptist Church - Sunday School Ministry

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6)

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

December 2
Sister Loretta Jenkins

December 4
Sister Marlene Barnes

December 5
Sister Hazel Drayton
Sister Alaina Stewart

December 11
Sister Niya Dixon
Sister Bertha Marshall

December 12
Deacon William Cosom

December 18
Mother Sue McCray

December 21
Sister Yvette Conners

December 22
Mother Margaret Robinson
Brother Tyrone Davis
Lil Jaxon Joseph Sterrette

December 23
Brother Barry Couser

December 24
Elder Louise Jones
Sister Deborah Eubanks

December 26
Sister Ernestine Elliott
Sister Lisa Jones-Platt

December 28
Deacon Joseph L. Davis, Sr.

December 29
Sister Bertha Beckham

December 30
Sister Juanita Grace

EVANGELISM

UPcoming EVENTS

Sunday, December 1, 2019, 10:00 A.M.
(Focus on Evangelism)

Saturday, December 7, 2019, 9:00 A.M.-12:00 Noon
(Member Reception Class)

Sunday, December 8, 2019, 10:00 A.M.
(Youth & Young Adult Sunday & Pastor's Christmas Cheer)

Youth

Sunday, December 15, 2019, 10:00 A.M.
(Communion Sunday)

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

Sunday, December 22, 2019, 10:00 A.M.
(Focus on Family Harmony)

Monday, December 23, 2019-Tuesday, December 31, 2019
(Office Closed)

Wednesday, December 25, 2019

Merry Christmas

Sunday, December 29, 2019, 10:00 A.M.
(Social Justice Sunday)

Praise and Worship Service

WATCHNIGHT WORSHIP

Tuesday, December 31, 2019, 7:00 P.M.
(Watchnight Service)

This Christmas may you be Blessed with the Joy of His presence and the quiet Peace of the season!

Why is Church Attendance/Going to Church Important?

Answer: The Bible tells us we need to attend church so we can worship God with other believers and be taught His Word for our spiritual growth. The early church "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer" (Acts 2:42). We should follow that example of devotion - and to the same things. Back then, they had no designated church building, but "every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts" (Acts 2:46). Wherever the meeting takes place, believers thrive on fellowship with other believers and the teaching of God's Word.

Church attendance is not just a "good suggestion;" it is God's will for believers. Hebrews 10:25 says we should "not [be] giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Even in the early church, some were falling into the bad habit of not meeting with other believers. The author of Hebrews says that's not the way to go. We need the encouragement that church attendance affords. And the approach of the end times should prompt us to be even more devoted to going to church.

Church is the place where believers can love one another (1 John 4:12), encourage one another (Hebrews 3:13), "spur" one another to love and good works (Hebrews 10:24), serve one another (Galatians 5:13), instruct one another (Romans 15:14), honor one another (Romans 12:10), and be kind and compassionate to one another (Ephesians 4:32).

When a person trusts Jesus Christ for salvation, he or she is made a member of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:27). For a church body to function properly, all of its "body parts" need to be present and working (1 Corinthians 12:14–20). It's not enough to just attend a church; we should be involved in some type of ministry to others, using the spiritual gifts God has given us (Ephesians 4:11–13). A believer will never reach full spiritual maturity without having that outlet for his gifts, and we all need the assistance and encouragement of other believers (1 Corinthians 12:21–26).

For these reasons and more, church attendance, participation, and fellowship should be regular aspects of a believer's life. Weekly church attendance is in no sense "required" for believers, but someone who belongs to Christ should have a desire to worship God, receive His Word, and fellowship with other believers.

Jesus is the Cornerstone of the Church (1 Peter 2:6), and we are "like living stones . . . being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 2:5). As the building materials of God's "spiritual house," we naturally have a connection with one another, and that connection is evident every time the Church "goes to church."

The Order of Worship Service
Sunday, December 29, 2019, 10:00 A.M.
Worship Leader: Sis. Jacqueline Harvin

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

Praise & Worship……The Praise Team
Processional……Choirs

*Call to Worship:
Leader: "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him" (John 4:23).
All: "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24).
*Doxology……***"Glory Be To The Father"**……#538

"Glory be to the Father, And to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, It's now and ever shall be, World without end, Amen! Amen!"

** ***Enter His Gates***

Responsive Reading……***"Justification"***……#566
Invocation……Diaconate Ministry
** ***Enter His Gates***

*Congregational Hymn……***"Go, Tell It On the Mountain"**……#66
Welcome & Announcements……Eld. Hattie Murph
Selection……Highly Favored Choir
** ***Enter His Gates***

Presentation of Our Pastor……Worship Leader
*Altar Call
Selection……Highly Favored Choir
Sermon……Dr. Michael W. Couch, Pastor
Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*Worship by Giving……(***See Page 11***)……Worship Leader

"All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we giv-en thee. Amen"

*Closing Words & Benediction……Pastor Couch

Congregation Standing
Organ Prelude/Seating Interval/Postlude

Newsletter Update: Please submit all items, articles, anniversaries and birthdays to the office by the 15th of each month so they can be published in our monthly newsletter. Thank you for your cooperation. *"It's All About Ministry: Serving the Lord With Gladness" (Ephesians 4:11-16)*

"The one who falls and gets up is so much stronger than the one who never fell."

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

*Church Covenant……..……...……...……...Responsively
*Communion Medley of Hymns
Consecration of the Elements & Benediction……Pastor Couch
**Organ Postlude

Congregation Standing

The Order of Worship Service
Sunday, December 22, 2019, 10:00 A.M.
Worship Leader: Eld. Hattie Murph

FOCUS ON FAMILY HARMONY/CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Praise & Worship……...……The Praise Team
Processional……Choir

*Call to Worship:
Leader: "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him" (John 4:23).
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*Doxology……..……***"Glory Be To The Father"**……..……#538

"Glory be to the Father, And to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the beginning, It's now and ever shall be, World without end, Amen! Amen!"

** ***Enter His Gates***
Responsive Reading.....***"The Birth of Jesus"***……..#551
Invocation……..……Diaconate Ministry
** ***Enter His Gates***

*Congregational Hymn……..……***"Go, Tell It On the Mountain"***……..#66
Welcome & Announcements……..Eld. Hattie Murph
Selection……..……..……..Men of Berean (M.O.B.) Chorale
** ***Enter His Gates***
Presentation of Our Pastor……..Worship Leader
*Altar Call
Selection……..……..……..Men of Berean (M.O.B.) Chorale
Sermon……..……..……..Dr. Michael W. Couch, Pastor
Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*Worship by Giving……..…(*See Page 11*)……..…Worship Leader

"All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we giv-en thee. Amen"

*Closing Words & Benediction……..…..Pastor Couch

Congregation Standing
Organ Prelude/Seating Interval/Postlude

"Where Traditions & Innovations Commune"

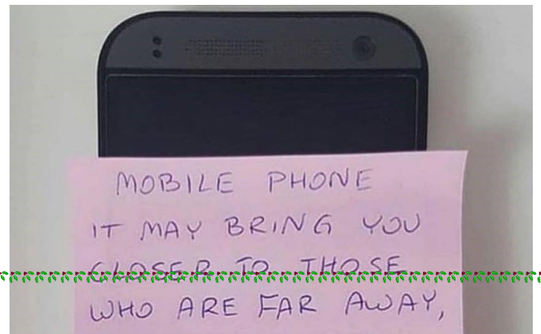
The Job Descripton of a Preacher

WHY IS IT THAT WE SHUT OUR EARS TO MESSAGES ABOUT STEWARDSHIP, BUT SEND AWAY OFFERINGS IN EXCHANGE FOR GIMMICKS AND MAN-MADE CHARMS? WHY DO WE FLOCK TO CHURCHES WHERE WE CAN HEAR MESSAGES OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY, BUT LEAVE CONGREGATIONS WHERE THE MESSENGER PREACHES PROPHETIC SERMONS THAT CHALLENGE OUR PRESUMPTIONS AND PET ACTIVITIES? PERHAPS, WE JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY GOD HAS SENT HIS MESSENGERS. MAYBE WE DON'T EVEN WANT TO KNOW.

GOD HAS CHOSEN HIS MESSENGERS TO EXPOUND THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S WORD AND TO PROVIDE SOLID ANSWERS TO THE CHALLENGES OF LIFE. MALACHI TELLS US THAT A MESSENGER OF GOD IS NOT SENT TO TELL US WHAT WE WANT TO HEAR. RATHER, GOD SENDS HIS MESSENGERS TO TELL US WHAT HE KNOWS WE NEED TO HEAR, THE TOUGH, LIFE TRANSFORMING, SIN ERADICATING, TRUTH-EMPOWERING WORD. MINISTERS ARE TO "TELL IT LIKE IT IS" AND "FIX IT UP FOR NOBODY."

WHILE THE GOSPEL OFTEN BRINGS PREACHERS INTO CONFLICT WITH BOTH CHURCH MEMBERS, AS WELL AS THOSE OUTSIDE THE CHURCH, TRUE MINISTERS OF GOD WILL ENDURE THE TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS IN ORDER TO CONFRONT PEOPLE WITH THE REALITY OF THEIR SINS AND THEIR URGENT NEED FOR CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE.

CHRISTIANS MUST NOT SEEK TO BE PLACATED BY THE WORLD, BUT MUST DESIRE AND DEMAND TO HEAR WHAT THE LORD WOULD SAY. SOMETIMES WE MUST BE LIKE JEREMIAH AND EAT THE BITTER WORD, BUT AS WE DIGEST IT, IT WILL BECOME "LIKE HONEY TO OUR SOULS." GOD'S PEOPLE NEED TO APPRECIATE AND



The Order of Worship Service
Sunday, December 1, 2019, 10:00 A.M.
Worship Leader: Sis. Carolyn Stewart

FOCUS ON EVANGELISM - DECEMBER EVANGELISM TEAM (MUSIC MINISTRY)

Praise & Worship……..……..……...……....The Praise Team
Processional…….……Choir
*Call to Worship:
Leader: "For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised: he also is to be feared above all gods" (I Chronicles 16:25).
All: "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (I Chronicles 16:29).
*Doxology…….....***"Glory Be To The Father"***……#538
"Glory be to the Father, And to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the beginning, It's now and ever shall be, World without end, Amen! Amen!"

** ***Enter His Gates***

Responsive Reading…….……***"The Pre-Existence of Jesus"***…….……#550
Invocation……..……Diaconate Ministry
** ***Enter His Gates***
*Congregational Hymn…….……***"Go, Tell It On the Mountain"***……..#66
Welcome……...Sis. Courtney Middleton
Announcements……..Eld. Hattie Murph
Selection……..……...Berean's Unity Choir
** ***Enter His Gates***
Presentation of Our Pastor……..Worship Leader
*Altar Call
Selection……..……..Berean's Unity Choir
Sermon……..…….....…….....Dr. Michael W. Couch, Pastor
****Invitation to Christian Discipleship***

*Worship by Giving……(***See Page 11***)……..…Worship Leader
"All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we giv-en thee. Amen"

*Closing Words & Benediction…….…….....Pastor Couch

The Order of Worship Service
Sunday, December 8, 2019, 10:00 A.M.

Worship Leader: Sis. Gloria Monroe

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT WORSHIP SERVICE/PASTOR'S CHRISTMAS CHEER

Worship & Praise……..……..…The Praise Team
Processional…….……Choir

*Call to Worship
Leader: "Young people, in the same way, be submissive to those who are older. All of you clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "*God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.*" Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time" (I Peter 5:5-6).
All: "Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings" (I Peter 5:7-9).

*Doxology…..…….……***"Glory Be To The Father"***…….…….…….……#538
"Glory be to the Father, And to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the beginning, It's now and ever shall be, World without end, Amen! Amen!"
Responsive Reading……***"Christ's Concern for Children #598"***…….....Worship Leader
Invocation

*Congregational Hymn…….……***"Go, Tell It On the Mountain"***……..…#66
Welcome & Announcements
Christmas Presentation……The Youth Ministry
Selection……..……..……..Men of Berean (M.O.B.) Chorale

Presentation of Our Pastor……..Worship Leader
Pastor's Christmas Cheer……..……Dea. Jacquelyn Way

*Altar Prayer
Selection……Berean's Youth Choir
Sermon……..…….....…….....Dr. Michael W. Couch, Pastor
****Invitation to Christian Discipleship***

*Worship by Giving……(***See Page 11***)……..…Worship Leader
"All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we giv-en thee. Amen"

*Closing Words & Benediction……..……..……Pastor Couch

The Order of Worship Service
Sunday, December 15, 2019, 10:00 A.M.
Worship Leader: Dea. Oliver Matthews

COMMUNION SUNDAY

Praise & Worship……..……The Praise Team
Processional…….……Choir
*Call to Worship:
Leader: "Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you" (John 6:53).

All: "Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:54).

*Doxology……..***"Glory Be To The Father"**……..……#538

"Glory be to the Father, And to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, It's now and ever shall be, World without end, Amen! Amen!"

** ***Enter His Gates***

Responsive Reading…….....***"The Lord's Supper"***…….…….....#581

Invocation……..……Diaconate Ministry

** ***Enter His Gates***

*Congregational Hymn……..……***"Go, Tell It On the Mountain"***……..#66

Welcome & Announcements……...Eld. Hattie Murph

Selection…..…..……..….Berean's Mass Choir

** ***Enter His Gates***

Presentation of Our Pastor……..Worship Leader

*Altar Call ******Special Prayer to End Gun Violence*****

Selection……..…Berean's Mass Choir

Sermon……..……Rev. Dr. Michael W. Couch, Pastor

****Invitation to Christian Discipleship***

*Worship by Giving……(***See Page 11***)……..…Worship Leader

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