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The Sermon by Pastor Willie White, Jr.

September 6, 2020

“GOD, THE GREAT RESTORER!!!”

Psalm 23:3-4= He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me, Your rod and staff, they comfort me.

My Christian brothers and sisters, it is imperative for us to understand this morning, that the 23rd number of Psalm has taught us this simple but yet profound truth: **GOD AS OUR SHEPHERD, KNOWS OUR EVERY NEED!!!** God knows we will grow weary and tired while following Him. God knows we will encounter some difficulties as we follow His word, His will and His ways. God knows we will become frustrated and disappointed while shining our light in the midst of darkness. **My Christian brothers and sisters**, the 23rd number of Psalm has taught us that God knows just what we need to be refreshed.

Here in our text this morning we will unpack three points that are designed to show us that **GOD IS THE GREAT RESTORER!!!**

1: RESTORATION (Healing, Renewal, Repair). Restoration is a gift from God. God's capacity for restoring life is beyond our understanding. Forests burn down and are able to grow back. Broken bones heal. Even grief is not a permanent condition. Our tears can be seeds that will grow into a harvest of joy because God is able to bring good out of tragedy. **GOD THE GREAT RESTORER!!!**

2: RIGHTEOUSNESS (Goodness, Morality, Purity). We are not righteous by nature. We are born as sinners; our natural desire is to please ourselves rather than God. David followed that desire when he took another man's wife. We also follow it when we sin any way. Like David, we must ask God to change us from within (Psalm 51:7) making room for clean thoughts and right desires. **GOD THE GREAT RESTORER!!!**

Grab, Drop & Go Message – “Grab a Sermon, Drop Offering and Go Home” & Parking Lot Worship in Cars -
Coronavirus Pandemic 2019-2020

3: RELATIONSHIP (Companionship, Fellowship, Friendship). Our relationship to God is our most important relationship. **My Christian brothers and sisters**, as children of the living God, it vital for us to understand this morning during this pandemic---**We are never alone.** Our Shepherd is with us at all times. We never have to call Him into our situation. We never have to wonder where He is because He is always with us.

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I love being your pastor

Hot dog

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ANNOUNCEMENTS –SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020



Pastor's Appreciation Service

Johns Chapel Parking Lot – Sep 12 – 5:00 pm

--Please remember all the children, parents, teachers, staff, support staff, and others in prayer as schools reopen during the ongoing **Coronavirus Pandemic**. Please stay abreast of the latest directives.

www.cdc.gov <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov> www.aarp.org

REMEMBER TO WEAR FACE MASKS IN PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES – CHILDREN TOO!

MANDATE OF STATE OF ALABAMA – EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 4, 2020

--Pastor White presents: **“SERMON DASH”**. You may receive a hard copy and/or a CD/DVD of sermons via text, phone call, e-mail or word of mouth, etc., and we will get the sermon to you.

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP & SERVE – Check e-mails and text messages for info

--**EACH SUNDAY** – Worship service in cars at **9:00 a.m.** Grab & Go – **10:45-11:45**; Full Church School Lesson **12:00 NOON** via conference call. Dial-in # 605-313-5111 Access code 737936.

--**EACH WEDNESDAY** – JC Bible Study via conference call - 7:00 p.m. Dial-in # 605-313-5111 Access code 737936. Zoom format is also available. Watch for invitation in your e-mail.

--**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 at 7:00 p.m.** – ALL members are invited and encouraged to join the upcoming **Huddle to make plans for September-December and beyond!** Your thoughts, ideas and input are welcome and needed! Watch for your personalized Zoom invite or dial in via conference call. # 605-313-5111 Access code 737936

--**THIS SATURDAY** - **Second Pastor's Appreciation Service for Reverend and Mrs. White on this Saturday, September 12, at 5:00 p.m. in the church's parking lot. Message by Dr. J. Henry Williams. For more info, please contact Nikki Mills.**

--**PARKING LOT PRAISE PARTY!!!!** To show their appreciation, Pastor and Mrs. White invite members of our church and members of the community to a **Parking Lot Praise Party on Saturday, September 19, at 6:00 p.m.** here in the Johns Chapel parking lot. **Awesome fun and fellowship plus popcorn and sodas for everyone! WOW!**

--**JC MEMBERS ARE OBEYING THE LAW AND RESPONDING TO THE CENSUS.** -- Pastor White is asking Class Leaders to please check on all class members to see how they are doing and also inquire if they have completed the Census. If not, please emphasize the importance, and let them know help is available.

Volunteers: LauReen McDaniel 334-470-1816; Franklin Simmons 334-494-2377; & Marge Simmons 334-477-1962.

27 Households reporting! OUTSTANDING! If you have completed the Census and your name is not listed above, or if you have not completed the census, please do so today and let Sister Marge know. Check out the website www.census2020.gov and encourage others to respond.

To get our fair share of funding, we all must stand up and be counted.

PRAYER LIST Week of September 6-12, 2020

-- Sister Annie Pearl Allen (wife of Brother Roland)
--Sister Eleanor Bailey
--Sister Thelma Bailey--100-year-old member doing well at home in Tennessee
-- Sister Jennifer Bigham
-- Sister Debra D. Brown -Address: 74 Davis Street, Charles Town, WV 25414
--Sister Geraldine Booth
--Sister Brenda Crawford
--Caiden M. Gary, Grandson of Sis C. Jones
--Ms Fay, lives in another state – A believer asked us to pray for her sister to have a closer walk with God
--Sister Annie Pearl Frazier
--Sister Ruby Grayer
--Sister Dorothy Holmes
--Sister Kim Jackson—Sister of Bro. Golden
--Sister Vivian Johnson – At home, doing well



--Sister Mable Mays
--**Sister Gay Nell Miley – at home and doing well**
--Sister Ann McGaughey
--**Sister Betty, family member of Marge Simmons, doing well, expects to return to work next week**
--Sister Jackie Scott – recovering after illness
--**Sister Betty Simmons – In Rehab doing well**
--Sister Rosetta White & Brother Willie White, Sr. — Parents of Pastor White
--Sister Johnnie Sanders
--Brother Larry Wilson—Husband of Sis. Shun Wilson
--Sister Eloise Williams
--The United States of America & the World
*New entries in bold print
Remember to pray for and check on our shut-in members.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sep 7

Ryan Baxter

NO ANNIVERSARIES ON RECORD THIS WEEK.