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The Sermon by Pastor Willie White, Jr.

November 8, 2020

“FREE TO WORSHIP!!!

WORSHIP MATTERS!!!”

Psalm 81:10-16; verse 16 = He should have fed them also with the finest of wheat, and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee.

My SON KISSED brothers and sisters – FYI, in New York Harbor, there is a lady who stands tall. She holds a torch in her hand, giving light. Inscribed on the pedestal upon which this lady stands are the famous words: “Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed, to me: I lift my lamp beside the golden door.”. We know this lovely lady as Lady Liberty and she stands there in New York Harbor with a crown on her head that has seven spikes. The spikes speak of seven seas and seven continents. In other words, no matter where you are in the world, you can come to America. You can come with all your mess. You can come with all your problems. You can come with all your needs. You can come because Lady Liberty is holding a torch to show the way. At the bottom of Lady Liberty’s feet is a chain that has been broken. She is inviting the broken and bruised people who have been held hostage in one situation or another. No matter where they are in the world, they are welcome to come to America to find freedom.

Here in our text this morning Asaph is showing us that God is holding the same promise of freedom to those who are looking to escape bondage this morning. He welcomes all to come to Him and to bring their problems, burdens, and needs. God is faithful to show us the way.

Let us pull three points from this text that will confirm we are **FREE TO WORSHIP!**

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

1: EXPECTATIONS (Hope, Plan, Desire). Verses 10-11. Our expectations must not limit God. It was difficult for the disciples to grasp the idea that their Messiah would have to suffer. The Jews who studied the Old Testament prophecies expected the Messiah to be a great king like David, who would overthrow the enemy, Rome. Their vision was limited to their own time and experience. **FREE TO WORSHIP!!!**

2: ENEMIES (Attackers, Haters, Opponents). Verses 12-14; Jealously often produces enemies. Saul tried to kill David because he was jealous of David's popularity, yet David continued to protect and comfort Saul. Perhaps people have been jealous of you and have even attacked you in some way. They may be intimidated by your strengths, which make them conscious of their own shortcomings. It would be natural to strike back or to avoid them. A better response is to love them like David kept on loving Saul.

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3: EVIDENCE: (Clues, Proof, Reasons). Verses 15-16; The evidence for faith is actually overwhelming. The Ninevites and the queen of the south had turned to God with far less evidence than Jesus was giving His listeners, and far less than we have today. We have eyewitness reports of the risen Jesus, the continuing power of the Holy Spirit unleashed at Pentecost, easy access to the Bible, and knowledge of two thousand years of Christ's acts through His church. With the knowledge and insight available to us, our response to Christ ought to be even more complete and wholehearted.

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I love being your pastor

Hot dog

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ANNOUNCEMENTS –SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020



Veterans' Day is this Wednesday, November 11. Remember to thank a veteran. JC Veterans' Day observance will be Sunday November 22. More details to follow.

--Please pray for God's continued protection during the ongoing **Coronavirus Pandemic** and His healing across the land. 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 DECEMBER 11, 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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP & SERVE THIS WEEK – Check e-mails and text messages for info.

--**EACH SUNDAY** – **Worship service in sanctuary and cars at 9:00 a.m. Limited range radio service at 87.9 FM if worshipping in cars in parking lot. Grab Sermon & Go – 10:45-11:45; Church School Lesson 12:00 NOON** via conference call. Dial-in # 605-313-5111 Access code 737936#.

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

Congratulations to this week's Zoom door prize winners: **Dr. Russell Nichols and Brother Bobby Moment**. Good job! Just join bible study or other meetings on Zoom, and wait for your turn to win the door prize.

CALENDAR UPDATES:

Our Annual Family & Friends Day Celebration will be held on Sunday, November 29 at 9 a.m. **Bishop Seawright** will be the Messenger. We will have a Spirit-filled celebration and a 12 tribes fund raiser. List of tribe leaders pending. More details from Brother Ed Brown and Sister Debra Fay "Ed" Brown, Chairpersons.



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Enterprise, Alabama

**ANNUAL
FAMILY & FRIENDS DAY**

**THEME: SHOWING GOD'S
LOVE DURING A PANDEMIC**
1 Corinthians 13:13

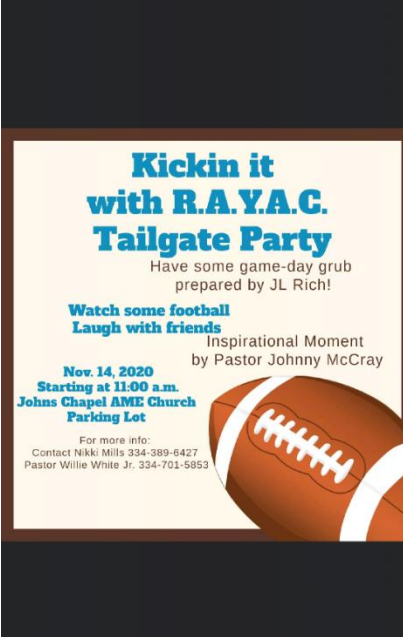
Messenger:
The Right Reverend
Harry L. Seawright
Presiding Prelate, Ninth
Episcopal District

November 29, 2020
9:00 a.m. Worship Service

For more information
Contact Ed & Debra Brown
334-406-2834
Rev. Willie White Jr., Pastor
334-701-5853

Watch
Facebook Live
Youtube
Zoom

--**Ozark-Troy District Planning Meeting** -- **Nov 14 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom. Bishop Seawright, Guest Preacher**



**Kickin it
with R.A.Y.A.C.
Tailgate Party**

Have some game-day grub
prepared by JL Rich!

**Watch some football
Laugh with friends**

Inspirational Moment
by Pastor Johnny McCray

**Nov. 14, 2020
Starting at 11:00 a.m.
Johns Chapel AME Church
Parking Lot**

For more info:
Contact Nikki Mills 334-389-6427
Pastor Willie White Jr. 334-701-5853

--9th District Lay Meeting – Nov 21 via Zoom.

--9th District WMS Convention - December 5 via Zoom. Registration fee is \$25. Please see WMS President Constance Jones or Secretary Marge Simmons to register.



PRAYER LIST Week of November 8-14, 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 Bighem
-- Sister Debra D. Brown -Address: 74 Davis Street, Charles Town, WV 25414
--Sister DeAnna – Battling Colon cancer
--Sister Krystal - Awaiting biopsy results
--Sister Geraldine Booth
--Brother Mack Chambers, Sister LaToya Chambers, Larissa, Layla & Landric Chambers – Bereavement
--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
--The Family of Sister Mable Mays- Bereavement
--Sister Gay Nell Miley – Bereavement
--Sister Ann McGaughey
--Sister Lynette Robinson & Family - Bereavement
--Sister Jackie Scott
--Sister Betty Simmons
--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

Nov 12	Sydnee Rush
Nov 14	Eddie Earl Engram
Nov 15	Alex Engram
Nov 15	Cornelius Frazier

NO ANNIVERSARIES ON RECORD THIS WEEK



**JC Veterans' Day Observance -
9:00 a.m. service - November 22**