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The Sermon by Pastor Willie White, Jr.

September 13, 2020

“GOD THE GREAT PROVIDER!!!”

Psalm 23:5-6=Thou preparer a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointed my head with oil, my cup running over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

I have a confession to make this morning. As your pastor, I must confess this morning that the 23rd number of psalm is my favorite book and chapter throughout the Bible. The reason why this is my favorite book and chapter is because this psalm (Psalm 23) will help you to enjoy Psalm 22. Psalm 22 will teach you how to appreciate Psalm 23. Psalm 23 uses Psalm 22 as its foundation. **My Christian Brothers and Sisters**, it is vital for us to understand this morning, without Psalm 22 we cannot celebrate in Psalm 23. Psalm 22 is the foundation of Psalm 23; and the foundation is not pretty, good looking, nor attractive. Psalm 22 shows the shepherd suffering, while Psalm 23 shows the shepherd serving. Psalm 22 shows the shepherd crying, while Psalm 23 shows the shepherd caring. Psalm 22 shows the shepherd dying, while Psalm 23 shows the shepherd delivering. Psalm 23 reveals unto us believers that **GOD IS THE GREAT PROVIDER!**

Here in our text this morning let's lift up three points and ride out this morning! Lol!!

1: COMPOSURE (Calmness, Self Control, Serenity). Composure develops under pressure. You must keep your composure under pressure. You can't lose your mind under pressure. Despite the pressure and pain, you must remain unmoved. Maintaining your composure in the face of unjustified criticism and craziness can be a trying experience and an emotional drain, but stay cool, calm and collected and watch God work for you.

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

2: CONTENTMENT: (Happiness, Joy, Peace). Contentment is a gift from God. It doesn't matter if you have plenty or if you are in need this morning, learn how to be content. Discontented people will miss their blessings. We have to be thankful for what God has given us, and we must detach ourselves from nonessentials so that we can concentrate on what really matters! Contentment grows out of having God's perspective on life. The answer lies in your perspective, your priorities and your source of power.

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3: COVENANT (Agreement, Promise, Vow). God's covenants require a personal response. God promised to bless Abram and make him great, but there was one condition. Abram had to do what God wanted him to do. This meant leaving his home and friends and traveling to a new land where God promised to build a great nation from Abram's family. Abram obeyed, walking away from his home for God's promise of even greater blessings in the future. God may be trying to lead you to a place of greater service and usefulness for him. Don't let the comfort and security of your present position make you miss God's plan for your life.

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I LOVE BEING YOUR PASTOR!!!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS –SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020



HAPPY GRANDPARENT'S DAY!



--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 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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP & SERVE THIS WEEK – 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.

--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!

Please note...

--Pastor White is asking the Johns Chapel Family to remember the family of our beloved Sister Mable Frazier Mays in your prayers. Sister Mable was called home to be with the Lord on Monday Sep 7, 2020 and Homegoing Service on Thursday, Sep 10. Her sweet spirit was a blessing to all.

--Pastor and Mrs. White send their love and thanks to all for your prayers and for your expressions of love during the Pastor's Appreciation Service on yesterday. A dynamic message by Dr. J. Henry Williams and a very enjoyable program. Special thanks to Sister Nikki Mills, Chairperson, and to all members who contributed or participated in any way.

--Pastor White thanks all members who joined the Huddle on Tuesday evening to make plans for September-December and beyond! Your thoughts, ideas and input are still welcome and needed! Updated calendar will be provided soon.

--REMINDER: The 11th Sessions of the five Annual Conferences of the 9th Episcopal District will be held on Sep 29-Oct 2. The SE Annual Conference will be held on October 1 with Johns Chapel as host church. All sessions will be via Zoon. Schedules were e-mailed last week.

--**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.

Please ask family and friends if they have responded!

PRAYER LIST Week of September 13-19, 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

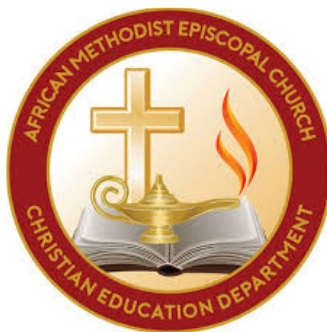


--Sister Vivian Johnson – At home, doing well
--The Family of Sister Mable Mays- Bereavement
--Sister Gay Nell Miley – at home and doing well
--Sister Ann McGaughey
--Sister Jackie Scott – recovering after illness
--Sister Betty Simmons – In Rehab & sounds great!
--Sister Rosetta White & Brother Willie 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 13	Eli McGuire	Sep 17	Ira "Pat" Brown
Sep 16	Jeff Crawford	Sep 17	Evelyn Engram
Sep 16	Ace Reginald Williams		

NO ANNIVERSARIES ON RECORD THIS WEEK.



September is Christian Education Month
Presenting the second in a series of messages on “Faith Over Fear!”
In conjunction with Series of Sermons by Pastor Willie White, Jr.

"The Heritage of Grandparents – Ask Them How They Got Over"
From the Johns Chapel Christian Education Corner (CEC)
Sep 13, 2020

Happy **Grandparents’ Day** to all **Grandparents**. Note that the accent is on **GRAND!**
BY WAY OF BIRTH OR BY WAY OF THE HEART!!

It is very common to hear of the excitement about a grandchild on the way or the grandchildren that are already here and wrapping their grandparents around their little fingers, so to speak. I challenge grandchildren of all ages to express that same love, pride and adoration for your grandparents on a regular basis. For example, (1) How about talking to your grandparents and asking them about their life story. (2) Ask them how they got over. In other words, let them share their **Heritage of Faith** with you. (3) Let them know how proud you are to have them in your life—just as proud as they are to have you! (4) Write them a love note and mail it or deliver it. (5) Read to them and ask them to read to you. (6) Pray for them. (7) Come up with your own list.

I’d like to hear from you about how you plan to share and express your love to your grandparents often and all year long. Be creative! Make it a year-round event to show love to the main members of your fan club: Your **GRAND**parents! Grandparents, share some of your favorite Grandchildren stories with me!!

And for all of us--Reaching out to celebrate and encourage others is a great way to take your mind off the current world situation or personal conditions. It is an excellent **dose of medicine to elevate your faith over your fear!** All of us can think of someone to reach out to. It will be a blessing to them and to you! Text me at 334-477-1962 or e-mail me at margesimmons23@gmail.com and share your GRAND stories and how you reached out and touched someone! I encourage us to share and preserve our family and church history and to start or re-start **TODAY**. (Enjoy the devotional!)

With love, joy and blessings!
Marge Simmons, Christian Education Director
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Grandparents' Day Devotional

2 Timothy 1:5

I am reminded of your sincere [faith](#), which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

There is, perhaps, nothing more important than passing down a heritage of faith. Grandparents have a divine responsibility to share the love of the Lord with their children and grandchildren. It's a responsibility that should be seen as a blessed opportunity to share the Gospel with the next generation.

Just as Paul reminded young Timothy of his spiritual heritage, grandparents are reminded of the importance of their spiritual legacy. What an encouragement for grandparents to rise up and actively share their faith in Christ.

For more about passing on a heritage of faith to your grandchildren, read [here](#). Also, check out this article, [How to Help Your Grandchildren Become Strong Christians](#).

Holy God,

Thank You for the responsibility of leaving a legacy of faith. I pray that this divine calling will not cause us fear or [anxiety](#), but eagerness and anticipation of what You will do through us. Please raise us up to be the example of faith that is needed in the next generation. In Jesus' name, amen.

Source: <https://www.crosswalk.com/family/parenting/grandparenting/7-scriptures-that-show-how-important-grandparents-are.html>