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*The Sermon by Pastor Willie White, Jr.*

*August 16, 2020*

**“NEVER WOULD HAVE MADE IT, WITHOUT GOD!!!!!!”**

Psalm 71: 6-10, v6 “By thee have I been holden up from the womb, thou art he that took me out of my mother’s womb, my praise shall be continually of thee.”

The other day I was reading this article about Muhammad Ali. The article highlighted the time Muhammad Ali was flying on this particular plane. The article stated that Muhammad Ali was sitting in first class and a flight attendant came to him and asked him to buckle his seat belt as they were nearing takeoff. The flight attendant came back and Muhammad Ali had not buckled his seat belt. She said “I’m sorry Mr Ali, but you are going to have to buckle your seat belt.” She came back again right before the plane was getting ready to taxi down the runway, Ali had not buckled his seat belt. She said “Mr. Ali we can’t move until you buckle your seat belt.” Mr. Ali replied, “I don’t need to buckle my seat belt.” “What do you mean you don’t need to buckle your seat belt? “Well Superman don’t need no seat belt.” The flight attendant now was ticked off. She looked squarely at him and said, Superman don’t need no airplane either.”  
A man has to know his limitations. We can’t make it without God!

Here in our text this morning we can feel the heart of David, as David explains how good God has been unto him. **NEVER COULD HAVE MADE, WITHOUT YOU!**

Let us look at verse five and select **point number one.**

**1: HOPE (Anticipation, Confidence, Faith).** A Christian’s hope is based on God’s faithfulness. David experienced the divine hope of God. David knew God had given him the opportunity to repent and return to him. David knew God’s purpose was not to destroy him but to help him grow. Retaining hope while we suffer shows we understand God’s merciful ways of relating to His people. **NEVER COULD HAVE MADE IT WITHOUT YOU!!!**

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

Let us glean from verses six through eight and pick up **point number two**.

**2: HUMILITY (Goodness, Modesty, Quietness).** Humility is the proper attitude before God. Humility keeps us from depending on our own strengths. Humility makes our prayer direct and honest. Humility challenges our pride. Humility is good training in obedience. Humility clarifies our dependence on God. **NEVER COULD HAVE MADE IT WITHOUT YOU!!!**

As I close from the text, let's focus on verses nine and ten so that we can uncover **point number three**.

**3: Hospitality (Kindness, Sharing, Welcome).** David is making it crystal clear in the text, accepting hospitality allows others to practice generosity. Hospitality is a way to serve those who serve us. Hospitality is a gift that improves with practice.

**NEVER COULD HAVE MADE IT WITHOUT YOU!!!**

I love being your pastor!!!

Hot dog

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS –SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2020**



*Clergy and Clergy Family Wellness Month*

--August is Clergy and Clergy Family Wellness Month. Let us remind Pastor & Mrs. White and family of how much we love and appreciate them. Let us also encourage them to maintain a healthy balance in their lives and spend time relaxing and enjoying downtime.

--Pastor White thanks all who joined our **Men & Women's Day** service via conference call on last Sunday. Reverend Frances Crittendon, our Guest Messenger, delivered a powerful message. All members are asked to give \$100 or as God has blessed you to give in observance of this celebration. Special thanks to all who have given. Others may still give as you are able.

--Our **Annual Summer Revival** will be held on Monday, August 17 at 7:00 p.m. via conference call. The Reverend Elijah Shafah, Pastor of Greater St. Paul AME Church in Troy, will be the Guest Messenger. **Dial-in # 605-313-5111 Access code 737936#**

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

[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov> [www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org)

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

**MANDATE OF STATE OF ALABAMA**

--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

--Wednesday, August 19, 1:00-3:00 p.m. – Our first **Food Give Away** for 50 people starting August 19. Application deadline was July 31. For more info, please see Sister Helen Nichols.

--**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.

**26 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](http://www.census2020.gov) and encourage others to respond. .

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

--City of Enterprise Election will be held on Tuesday, August 25 at the Enterprise Recreation Center 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**PRAYER LIST Week of August 2-6, 2020**

- Sister Annie Pearl Allen (wife of Brother Roland)
- Sister Eleanor Bailey
- 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 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 Constance Jones & Family
- Sister Mable Mays
- Sister Ann McGaughey
- Sister Betty, family member of Sister Marge Simmons



- Dr. Russell Nichols
- Sister Betty Simmons
- Sister Patricia White – Bereavement – Passing of her Mother, Sister Minnie Powell
- Pastor Willie White, Jr. –Bereavement -Passing of his Mother-in-Law
- Brittany Bradley, Chynna Clark & Jeremiah Bradley – Bereavement – Passing of Grandmother & Great-Grandmother
- 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**

August 10 Ophelia Hazzard  
August 14 Joe Warren, Jr.

August 15 Kindra Taylor

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

August 7, 1971 Dr. & Mrs. Stafford Thompson (omitted from Aug 2 bulletin) 😞

August 11, 1993 Pastor & Mrs. Willie White, Jr.

