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The Sermon by Pastor Willie White, Jr.

September 20, 2020

“GOD IS NOT DEAD!!!”

Matthew 6:33=But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.

The other day I was reading this particular article about Bruce Wilkinson, the author of The Prayer of Jabez. The article stated that Mr. Wilkinson was meeting with a leader of a growing ministry. The ministry leader hoped to talk with Mr. Wilkinson and glean some principles from him that would help grow his own ministry. After answering many of the leader's questions, Mr. Bruce Wilkinson asked if he might ask a question of his own. "How many donors do you have?" The leader grew silent as he started calculating how many donors the ministry might have. After a few seconds, Mr. Bruce Wilkinson said, "it sure taking you a long time." The leader apologized and assured Mr. Bruce Wilkinson that he wanted to give him as accurate of a count as possible. "I'm not sure, I just need a minute to think about it." Mr. Bruce Wilkinson halted him in the middle of his calculations. "The mere fact it's taking you this long means that you're not approaching this right." The leader looked a bit puzzled. "What do you mean Bruce?" "Well," Bruce continued, "you only have ONE donor. Now, the ONE donor that matters is the ONE. The many just give the ministry what the ONE has given to them. Your donors aren't your source GOD IS!

Here in our text this morning we will pull three points from this text that are designed to help us remain practical Christians.

1: PRIORITIES (Goals, Objectives, Purpose). Right priorities begin with God. Right priorities grow out of consistent dependence on God. To make the Kingdom of God your primary concern "means to turn to God first for help, to fill your thoughts with His desires, to take His character for your pattern and to serve and obey Him in everything. What is really important to you? It is essential for us to understand this morning that people, objects, goals,

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and other desires all compete for priority. Any of these can quickly bump God out of first place in every area of your life. **GOD IS NOT DEAD!!!**

2: PLANS (Goals, Outline, Preparation). Careful planning can keep us from worry. Planning for tomorrow is time well spent; worrying about tomorrow is time wasted. Careful planning is thinking ahead about goals, steps, and schedules and trusting in God's guidance. When done well, planning can help alleviate worry. Worriers, by contrast, are consumed with fear and find it difficult to trust God. They let their plans interfere with their relationship with God. Don't let worries about tomorrow affect your relationship with God today. **GOD IS NOT DEAD!!!**

3: PROBLEMS (Adversity, Difficulties, Obstacles). Expect to grow as a result of problems. We can't really know the depth of our character until we see how we react under pressure. It is easy to be kind to others when everything is going well, but can we still be kind when others are treating us unfairly? God wants to make us mature and complete, not to keep us from all pain. Instead of complaining about our struggles, we should see them as opportunities for growth. God will not leave us alone with our problems; He will stay close and help you grow.

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I love being your pastor!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS –SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020



--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 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 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.

-- **To show their appreciation, Pastor and Mrs. White hosted a Parking Lot Praise Party for members of our church and members of the community on yesterday at 6:00 p.m. here in the JC parking lot. It was a wonderful and blessed time of Praise and Worship, fellowship and fun! Popcorn, bottled water, soft drinks, and cool temperatures rounded the evening out as a top-notch, “FIVE-STAR” drive-in service!**

Thank you, Pastor and Mrs. White!

You light up our lives!

Please note...

--From Pastor White: **Official Board Meeting will be held on this Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom and Conference Call.** Zoom invite will be e-mailed with instructions on joining the meeting. Conference call Dial-in info: 605-513-5111. Access code 737936#. Members of the Official Board (stewards, trustees, stewardesses, class leaders, auxiliary leaders, and other officers) are expected to join the meeting or notify the Pastor if unable to. Class leaders are asked to be prepared to give a report. All JC members are welcome to join the meeting.

--**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.

--All Five Conferences will hold their **WMS & YPD** annual meetings via Zoom on **next Saturday, September 26.** The WMS will meet from 9 a.m. until noon, and the YPD will meet from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Invitations to join the meetings are being forwarded to those who registered.

--**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.

Last day to respond is September 30 –

Please encourage family and friends to respond!

PRAYER LIST Week of September 20-26, 2020

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| -- Sister Annie Pearl Allen (wife of Brother Roland) | --Sister Vivian Johnson |
| --Sister Eleanor Bailey | --The Family of Sister Mable Mays- Bereavement |
| --Sister Thelma Bailey--100-year-old member doing well at home in Tennessee | --Sister Gay Nell Miley |
| -- Sister Jennifer Bigham | --Sister Ann McGaughey |
| -- Sister Debra D. Brown -Address: 74 Davis Street, Charles Town, WV 25414 | --Sister Jackie Scott |
| --Sister Geraldine Booth | --Sister Betty Simmons – Home from Rehab! |
| --Sister Brenda Crawford | --Sister Rosetta White & Brother Willie White, Sr. — Parents of Pastor White |
| --Caiden M. Gary, Grandson of Sis C. Jones | --Sister Johnnie Sanders |
| --Ms Fay, lives in another state – A believer asked us to pray for her sister to have a closer walk with God | --Brother Larry Wilson—Husband of Sis. Shun Wilson |
| --Sister Annie Pearl Frazier | --Sister Eloise Williams |
| --Sister Ruby Grayer | --The United States of America & the World |
| --Sister Dorothy Holmes | *New entries in bold print |
| --Sister Kim Jackson—Sister of Bro. Golden | Remember to pray for and check on our shut-in members. |



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sep 13	Debra D. Brown - Belated :(Sep 23	Carol McNair
Sep 22	Carolyn Williams		

NO ANNIVERSARIES ON RECORD THIS WEEK.