

# Johns Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church

605 Geneva Highway/Post Office Box 311015

Enterprise, Alabama 36331-1015

[www.johnschapelamec.org](http://www.johnschapelamec.org) (334) 393-2661

Reverend Willie White, Jr., Pastor

*The Sermon by Pastor Willie White, Jr.*

*April 26, 2020*

## **“VICTORY IS MINE” -Psalm 47: 1-9**

**Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow!**

**My Christian brothers and sisters!**

I believe it was in the early 1980s-1990s we grew up watching Pro Wrestling. We would rush home after school to watch Pro Wrestling every Tuesday and Thursday. We used to love watching Ric Fair "The Nature Boy," Jimmy Snuka "SuperFly," Dusty Rhodes "The American Dream," Honky Tonk Man "Shake, Rattle, & Rollin," Brent Hart "The Hitman," Stone Cold Steve Austin and Hulk Hogan "The Hulkster." We couldn't wait to get home and sit for 3 hours and watch our wrestling (Them days are gone). Lol!

After every match we had to reenact the performance in the bedroom. Lol! We destroyed our parents' bedroom sets every month. Our parents would punish us but it was worth it. Wow! Lol! We lost our passion and our thirst for Pro Wrestling after we discovered it was staged. Did I just type that?? Wow! Please don't throw your tomatoes or call the Bishop on me because I said Pro Wrestling is staged. Lol! What we learned after our investigation is, before the wrestlers ever go out, it has been predetermined who will win the match. The contenders go through the battle for entertainment purposes but the point of the battle is not to decide who will win but to give the crowd a show. The winner of the match does not battle **FOR** victory but **FROM** victory. He battles knowing that he's already won, so he doesn't fight **FOR** victory but he fights **FROM** victory. **VICTORY IS MINE!**

Here in our text this morning the Psalm writer is making it crystal clear, we don't fight **FOR** victory, we fight **FROM** victory because the battle has already been won. **VICTORY IS MINE!**

Let us look at verses 1-3 where we will discover our first point.

**Point number 1: Celebration (excitement, party, praise).**

**My Christian brothers and sisters**, it is important for us to understand this morning God encourages heartfelt celebration. It is a common misconception that God is against celebration, wanting to take all the fun out of life. In reality, God wants to give us life in its fullness and those who love him have the most to celebrate. **VICTORY IS MINE!**

Now let us look at verses 4-6.

**Point number 2: Choices (action, alternative, decision).**

It is imperative that all of us understand this morning that good choices have positive long-term results. Living right is like posting a guard for your life. Every choice for good sets into motion other opportunities for good. Evil choices follow the same pattern but in the opposite direction. Obeying God brings the greatest safety and security. **VICTORY IS MINE!**

As I close this morning, let us examine verses 7-9.

**Point number 3: Circumstances (Environment, Happening, Situation).**

As believers we must expect and respond to a full range of Circumstances. God does not exempt believers from day to day Circumstances of life. Believers and unbelievers alike experience pain, trouble and failure at times. Unbelievers have a sense of hopelessness about life and confusion over their true purpose on earth but we as believers, we know the battle has already been won, so we don't fight FOR victory we fight FROM victory. Those who come to Jesus Christ have already won. God allows us to go through our Christian walk not to win the victory but to show this dying world that He is still in control. So, don't give up and don't give in because **VICTORY IS YOURS!**

**“VICTORY IS MINE”**

I LOVE BEING YOUR PASTOR

PASTOR WHITE

*Johns Chapel*  
*African Methodist Episcopal Church*  
605 Geneva Highway/Post Office Box 311015  
Enterprise, Alabama 36331      334-393-3827  
*The Pastor's Contact Info*

Pastor Willie White, Jr. 2501 Scott Road, Dothan Alabama 36303 | 334-701-5853  
williewhite203@gmail.com

**Please check texts, e-mails and website for updates [johnschapelamec.org](http://johnschapelamec.org)**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS –SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020**

--Please continue to pray, stay home and heed all public directives regarding the **Coronavirus Pandemic**. **STAY SAFE – STAY HOME** as much as possible. Please be creative to find ways to communicate with others and to stay healthy and content. God is working it out for our good. Please call members, especially sick and shut-ins.  
[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

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

**--TODAY**

--Noon – Pastor White preaching on FaceBook Live (Enjoy other messages at church website:  
[johnschapelamec.org](http://johnschapelamec.org)

--4:00 p.m. – Bishop Seawright invites ALL members to join him in a prayer conference call. Here are the details:

Please plan to attend by the following:

**Zoom:**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3114333416>

Meeting ID: 311 433 3416

One tap mobile

+13126266799,,3114333416# US (Chicago)

+19292056099,,3114333416# US (New York)

or

**Conference call line:**

Phone number: [712-770-4700](tel:712-770-4700)

Access Code: 308982#

--WEDNESDAY – JC Bible Study - 7:00 p.m. **Dial-in # 605-313-5111 Access code 737936**

--SUNDAY – Church School 9:45-10:10 via conference call. **Dial-in # 605-313-5111 Access code 737936**

--**JC MEMBERS ARE OBEYING THE LAW AND RESPONDING TO THE CENSUS.** -- The following households have reported that they are ACCOUNTED FOR in the 2020 Census, as required by law and because they are good citizens:

Pastor and Mrs. White & Family  
Carlos & Lynette Robinson  
Mack & LaToya Chambers & Family  
Ricky Britt & Family  
Bobby & Evadna Moment  
Marion Griffin  
Geraldine Booth  
Dr. Russell & Mrs. Helen Nichols  
Ira "Pat" Brown  
Johnnie Sanders & Family

Vernetta DeRamus  
Dr. Stafford & Mrs. Bessie Thompson  
Ann & Nikki Mills Family  
Richard & Shelia Robinson & Family  
Betty Simmons & Vivian Johnson & Family  
Ruthie Warren & Joe Warren Jr. Family  
Franklin & Marge Simmons  
Sam & Hilda Blake  
Jimmy & Lois Boykins

**If you have completed the Census and your name is not listed above, please let Sister Marge know. If you haven't completed the census, please do so today.** Check out the website at [www.census2020.gov](http://www.census2020.gov) and encourage others to respond. .

**Prayer Concerns**  
**Week of April 26-May 2, 2020**

**PRAYER LIST**

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  
Sister Annie Pearl Frazier  
Sister Ruby Grayer  
**Sister Dorothy Holmes – Special Prayer Request from Sister Barbara Fields**  
Sister Kim Jackson—Sister of Bro. Golden  
Sister Mable Mays  
Sister Ann McGaughey  
Bereavement – Family of Sister Mattie Mayes – McGaughey & Mayes Families  
**Dr. Russell Nichols—Reduced time on oxygen! Progress! Good report from Nurse Helen**  
Sister Minnie Powell, Mother of Sis. White  
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  
**\*New entries in bold print**  
**Remember to pray for and check on our shut-in members.**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

April 28      Geraldine Booth

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**      No Anniversaries on Record this week.