

The Testament

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Lincoln Memorial Baptist Church

Durham, NC

A timeless message from the archives...

Love Will Find A Way

- by Deacon Dean Jernigan



For Christians, there is nothing greater than love. We believe in a Savior who guides, protects and loves us. We are surrounded by love and commanded to show love in all that we do. We thrive on knowing that we exist because of the greatest act of love.

Love is at the center of our lives. Sometimes it may be hard to see, but it's there. It may appear to be slow to arrive at times, but it's there. Ever present, love often comes with a lesson that will help us at a later point in time.

In His Word, God reminds us that love is patient and kind. *Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. (1 Corinthians 13:7-8)* Because of our trust in God's Word, we can count on love to be in the midst of every solution to the problems that we encounter on our journey down the pathways of life. When the bills are due and money is tight, love will find a way to keep the lights on. When the pantry is bare and the refrigerator is empty, love will find a way to put a meal on the table. Love will find a way to heal the scars from our bruised relationships, mend the brokenness in our families, and heal the divisions in our communities.

Love finds a way to succeed by reminding us more about what's right, and takes the spotlight off of what's wrong. Love finds a way to win by lifting us up when we're down, correcting our course when we're off track and providing a cushion when we fall. Love reminds us that we are not alone, and that we can find strength in each other as we search for clues that lead to the answers to life's most pressing challenges.

As we take time during the month of October to focus attention on the issue of domestic violence, let us be propelled by love to act with kindness

and compassion in helping these unfortunate victims of abuse. Each year, far too many women and children suffer from the physical and mental abuse of a trusted loved one. Many are too afraid or too ashamed to seek help, and so they suffer in silence and endure the misery until the abuse becomes obvious to all.

In the course of their despair, it may be difficult for them to see love. That's where we come in. Joining with others, we have to be among the many who will reach out to provide support and resources to improve their condition. We have to serve as models of the love that will find a way from misery to comfort. We have to affirm that every life has value, that indeed we are our brother's keeper and recall that we are charged by God's Word to concern ourselves with the welfare of others. *Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. (Philippians 2:4)*

In His Word, God illustrates that the welfare of others is the driving force behind His love. Regardless of the challenge, we learn of the love that fed the hungry, healed the sick and raised the dead. We learn of the love that cast out demons, restored sight to the blind, and changed hearts and minds. We learn that repeatedly, despite whatever difficulty was encountered, love found a way to overcome the circumstance.

God's concern for our welfare is illustrated by His supreme act of love, manifested by the crucifixion of Christ and delivered in John's gospel. *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16-17)*

Love always prevails. Open your heart and let love guide you, mold you and comfort you. Let love help you to help others lift themselves from misery

Save The Date!

Sunday, October 5th
Mass Choir Anniversary
3:00pm

Monday, October 14th
Leadership Institute
7:00pm

Tuesday, October 15th
Rev. Atkins@ St. John's MBC
7:00pm

Saturday, October 19th
State Fair Outing
10:00am

Saturday, October 19th
Domestic Violence Program
3:00pm

Saturday, October 26th
Hallelujah Fest
4:00pm

Please make plans to support these events. Please observe the monitors during the announcement periods for information on these and other church activities.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

Psalm 121:1-2

and despair. Look to God's Word for confirmation of our actions, answers to our questions and an understanding of the lessons of life. If we continue to seek Him first in all that we do, then love will find a way into our thoughts, acts and deeds. When that happens, the love of others will be our primary concern and a powerful illustration of God's love for all.

Around Lincoln...



Surrounded by family and friends, Sis. Grace McFadden enjoys the moment at a gathering given in honor of her 95th birthday! Congratulations Sis. McFadden and best wishes for many, many more!!



Sis. Kathy Williams leads the Magnificent Expressions Dance Group in a wonderful presentation during the Women's Day Committee's Rainbow Tea function.



Birthday and anniversary celebrities for the month of September are presented to the Lincoln family. Congratulations!



Deacon on Duty for the month of October:

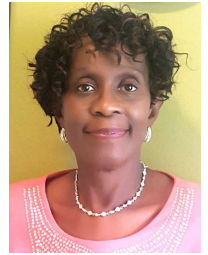
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Minister's Corner

- by Rev. Patricia Lee

Things That Make You Go "Umm"

In our Wednesday noon day bible study we are studying the Old Testament book of Joshua. Chapter 3 of this book told us that as the priest stood in the midst of the Jordan lake, the water in the lake was heaped up on one side allowing over 2 million Israelites to travel across to the other side.



We discussed this miracle of God demonstrating His awesome power and tried to imagine all those people, of all ages with all their belongings crossing that lake in one days time. Now I tell you that makes you go "umm." Read Joshua 3rd chapter for yourself if you don't believe me.

Something else can make you go "umm". This man Joshua a mere man prayed to God to stop the moon and the sun until he had revenge on his enemies. God did it. Again if you don't believe me read Joshua 10th chapter.

There have been times in my life that God has certainly made me go "umm". To have been married 43 years to the same man and still be in love with him, that's a "umm" moment. To have a disabled child graduate from college with 2 master degrees, "umm". A grandson who once contemplated suicide and is now in college, "umm".

My greatest "umm" moment is when I opened my heart to Jesus. That's the greatest of all "umms". It's absolutely amazing to be a child of God.

Think! Surely you have some "umm" thoughts of your own. I urge you to roll back the curtain of memory. Pull out things that make you go "umm" and give God the praise!

Marvin Sapp sings a true song. In his song "I Never Could Have Made It" he says he could have lost his mine. Yes many of us have experienced things in life and could have lost our minds. So consider that "umm" moment and come up shouting.

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Philippians 4:8

Black History Spotlight



Dr. Samuel P. Massie
Scientist/Educator

Born on July 3, 1919 in North Little Rock, Arkansas, Samuel Proctor Massie was as one of the few African American scientists to work on the Manhattan Project during World War II.

Massie graduated from Dunbar High School in Little Rock at the age of 13. At age 18, he earned his Bachelor's in Science and was Summa Cum Laude from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff in 1937. With a scholarship from the National Youth Administration he earned a Master's Degree in Chemistry at Fisk University in 1940 when he was only 21 years old. Massie said his desire to find a cure for his father's asthma spurred him to become a chemist.

While completing his doctorate in chemistry at Iowa State University in 1942, he lost his draft deferment. When he was about to be drafted in his home state of Arkansas, his major professor at Iowa State, Henry Gilman, who was already working on the Manhattan Project, assigned Massie to his research team. Massie performed his research at Iowa State University from 1942 to 1946 where he helped in the development of uranium isotopes for the atomic bomb.

In 1946 Massie completed his doctorate in Organic Chemistry at Iowa State University and accepted a one year position at Fisk before becoming a member of the faculty at Langston University in Oklahoma. While there he worked to transform his department and by 1953, he was not only a full professor and chair of his department, but also president of the Oklahoma Academy of Science. Massie was the first African American to hold this distinguished post.

By the early 1960s Massie had held leadership positions at the National Science Foundation in Washington, D.C. and at Howard University. From 1962 to 1966 Massie was President of North Carolina College at Durham. In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson appointed Massie to the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland where he became the first African American professor at the institution. Massie also created the Academy's Black Studies program.

In 1998, Massie was named one of the 75 greatest chemists of all time, by the journal Chemical and Engineering News. Samuel Proctor Massie died in Laurel, Maryland on April 10, 2005. He was 85.

www.blackpast.org

Food For Thought...

Nothing Is Impossible

*Nothing is impossible
With the Lord in our lives,
He causes doors to open
So we can walk inside*

*To brand new opportunities
We never knew before,
To a new exciting level
In our walk with the Lord*

*With faith in our hearts
And our hand in His hand,
We can cross any canyon
And through seas on dry land*

*For He will make a way
As in faith our walk begins
What seems to us impossible,
Is possible with Him*

*When feeling like it's all too much,
Remember in the past
How God had made a way for you
When you came to Him and asked*

*And He again will answer you
And show you so much more
As you keep on trusting Him
And walking with the Lord.*

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Happy Birthday to our October Birthday Celebrities!

*Wilma Mayfield • Brenda Atwater
C'Asia Johnson • Joshua Corley
Shakalah Higgs • Kathy Williams
Jacqueline Boone • Jocelyn Thompson
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Best Wishes For Many More!!

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Rainbow Tea - Table Of Colors!

As a prelude to all of the wonderful fellowship that awaits the women in the Lincoln family, the Women's Day Committee organized a special Rainbow Tea - Table of Colors event. Designed to assist with funding this year's Women's Day activities as well as support for our Building Fund, this festive and delightful event was well attended and enjoyed by all. An array of colorful clothing and table ornaments transformed our Fellowship Hall into an oasis of love and fellowship. Special performances, coupled with words of encouragement from First Lady Marva, added to the overall enjoyment of the gathering. Congratulations to the Women's Day Committee for an outstanding event.



Sounds of Joy Anniversary

Congratulations to our youth choir - the Sounds of Joy, as they celebrate another year of ministering to God's people through the joy of song. Energetic, progressive and dedicated, our youth are eager to lead our worship services each 2nd Sunday. Let us continue to support as we "train them up in the way that they should go". Hats off to Sis. Adrienne Jernigan, Bro. Bobby Hamm, Bro. Eric Melvin and the many parents who work with our youth choir to aid their growth and development.



Congratulations Sounds Of Joy!

When You're Overwhelmed, Stand Strong

Put your trust in the LORD your God, and you will stand your ground. Believe what his prophets tell you, and you will succeed. (2 Chronicles 20:20 GNT)

When you focus on your problems instead of trusting God, you're going to end up exhausted. And you're going to be defeated because God didn't design you to fight your battles alone. You don't have the power you need to face every problem in your own strength. You need God's power.

You can't focus on your problems and focus on God at the same time. You've got to shift your focus to who God is and what he's promised to do for you.

Life is full of experiences that test you, drain you, and wipe you out. When you are worn out, that's when you're ready to say to God, "I'm sorry. I can't handle this situation, and I've tried everything. I need to give it to you because it's bigger than me."

So, what should you do when you are overwhelmed? You stand strong.

Standing strong is an attitude of quiet confidence in the character of God. You will be successful when you put your trust in what he says to you through his Word and the Holy Spirit. When you get with God, you'll never have to give up ground because you are standing strong.

When the burden is overwhelming, you may be tempted to cave in under the pressure. God doesn't want you to back down from difficult situations. He doesn't want you to sacrifice your integrity. God wants you to trust him through the challenges and learn from them. If you run, you'll miss out on learning from God. And chances are, you'll need to repeat that lesson.

God is committed to your success. But you need to focus on him and trust him and his Word if you want to stand your ground.

Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track. Don't assume that you know it all. (Proverbs 3:5-7 The Message)

*Pastor Rick Warren
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KIDZ ZONE

-submitted by Sis. Earleen Sharrock



Have you ever noticed what a farmer does? A farmer works very hard to get his crop ready for harvest time. He has to plow the field and get the dirt all ready to plant the seeds. Once the ground is tilled and ready, then the seeds are planted. During the growing process, the farmer makes sure that the plants are being taken care of. The crop is sprayed for bugs and types of mold and watered when there is little or no rain so that the plants are not destroyed. It is a very time consuming job. There is a lot of time that will go by before the farmer will ever see a return on the work that was done. Once the crop is ready, the pumpkins are picked so that the farmer can sell them to make money. He finally gets to see a reward on his pumpkin patch harvest.

This is kind of like how it is with us. God trains us and teaches us the Word of God. This may continue on for years, but you will reach a point to where you are able to plant seeds of salvation for others. You will be able to help win lost souls, encourage others to come to church, teach Sunday School or help do something else that profits God's kingdom. Your harvest is when you win those lost souls or when you are teaching and bringing others closer to Jesus Christ.

We all have something we can do for God. We need to put some work into it first with God's help and He will help you with your harvest. From Scripture and experience we know that the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. In terms of numbers, there are plenty of believers to complete the task of sharing the Gospel with others in the world, but many are unwilling to enter the harvest field.

THINGS WE KNOW ABOUT THE HARVEST:

- **It is plentiful.** Even here at Lincoln.
- **It belongs to Jesus.** Jesus died so that everyone could be in the harvest. Those that aren't don't belong to Satan so the workers are just trying to reclaim what already belongs to Jesus.
- **It has few workers.** In spite of the fact that there are at least ten nonbelievers for each evangelical.

THINGS WE KNOW ABOUT THE WORKER:

- **Jesus must be Lord** (as opposed to savior) **of the worker.**
- **The worker has authority.**

THINGS NEEDED FOR THE WORK:

1. **To be filled** (led by) **with the Spirit.** (Luke 24:49)
 2. **A life of prayer.** Prayer plows the ground for the seeds of the harvest. Sowing on hard ground sometimes works but we need to plow it with prayer. God is calling us to elevate the importance and the priority of prayer. We must have faith to believe God is going to do something. This is how we get the authority, through this faith. If we don't have the faith, then ask God for it. When we pray for someone's needs and God begins to move in their lives, they become much more likely to accept him. Relational evangelism is the best kind, but it has a weakness. Its weakness is that it does not require anything. We just keep hanging out and building the relationship and never really introduce the person to God.
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KIDZ ZONE

-submitted by Sis. Earleen Sharrock

- 3. Knowledge of the Scriptures.** We need to understand Scriptures well enough to witness, but not to be an expert. We will be asked questions that we can't answer. That's OK. We should not use lack of knowledge as an excuse.
- 4. Willingness to announce the Kingdom.** If we can see the harvest, we will be willing. If we can't see the harvest we should pray that God makes us see the harvest.

RESPONSES THE WORKER CAN EXPECT:

- Rejection
- Reception
- The joy of Jesus

A person who does not support the following four beliefs is probably not going to participate in the harvest:

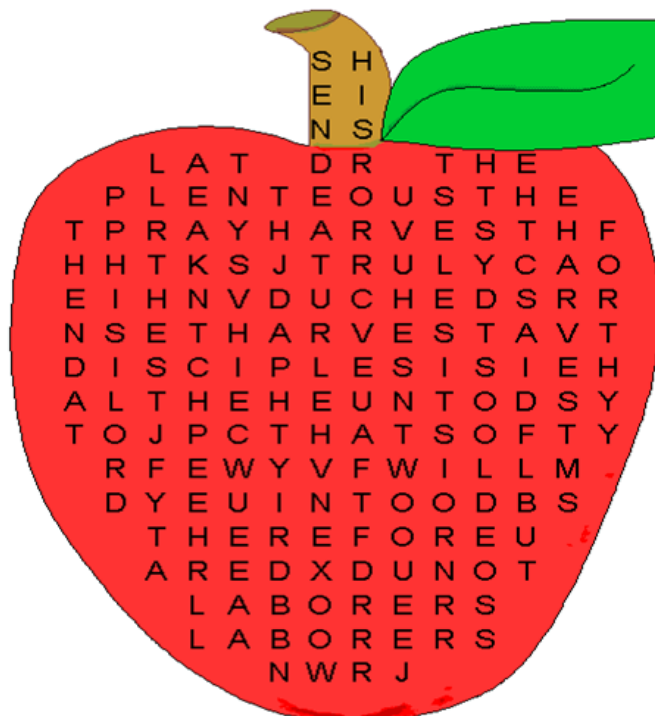
- That salvation comes through faith in Jesus Christ alone;
- Every believer has a personal conversion experience;
- That the Bible is the only basis for faith and the Christian life; and
- That evangelism and mission are important aspects of a believer's life.

One final thought:

Jesus told us "whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing." John 14:12

Father, we want to be faithful workers telling others about Jesus and his love. Amen.

Matthew 9:37-38



Find the words to the Bible verses hidden in the apple.

Then said He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few;

Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest.

October 2019

“Building the Church in the Community and the Community in the Church”

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30pm Pastor's Aide 6:30pm Mass Choir 7:00pm Seventh Day Adventist	2 6:00am *Conference Call Prayer Line 12:00Noon Noon Day Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Bible Study	3 1:00pm RTTC Community Group 6:30pm Mass Choir	4 7:00pm Seventh Day Adventist	5 Seventh Day Adventist (All Day) 10:00am Trustees 12:00Noon Women of Faith 1:00pm Missionary Min.
		<p><i>*Conference Call Prayer Line: Dial (605) 475-3235 and enter the pin - 20396# after the prompt.</i></p>				
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