

The Testament

February 2020

Lincoln Memorial Baptist Church

Durham, NC

It's What You Do!

- by Bro. Dean Jernigan

Over the years, I have come to really enjoy the commercials for the GEICO insurance company. Some are very clever and most make me smile. My all-time favorite features a camel walking through an office excitedly telling everyone that it's "hump day!"

A few years ago, the GEICO commercials were tied to a theme ending with the tagline, "It's What You Do". In the commercials, a person, group or animal with some interesting characteristic, like a hit record, a unique style or personality trait, would be featured and acknowledged for that trait in a humorous way. At the end of the commercial, GEICO would essentially acknowledge them in a positive way for what they do.

In a similar manner, that same "It's what you do" branding can be applied to various members in our church family. For instance, if you have several talents and skills but prefer to use them behind the scenes, then you call yourself Joe Eley, and you quietly use those talents to improve some aspect of our church without the desire for recognition or compensation. It's what you do to glorify God while serving the needs of His Kingdom. *Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31.*

Others in our church family exhibit those same unselfish qualities. For example, if you love our youth and always look to support individuals with special needs, then you call yourself Cecil Sharrock, and you spend your energy and resources in ways that advocate for a positive experience for our youth. It's what you do! If

you possess a heart of gold, have strong motherly instincts and treat all children as if they were your own, then you call yourself Vera Hodge, and you criss-cross the city and state in an effort to make sure that as many children as possible are exposed to Christian activities and fellowship. It's what you do! If you have the wisdom of years, the voice of an angel and the strongest desire to live in God's Kingdom, then you call yourself Mamie Brodie, and you use that voice to forever give Him the praise while helping to grow His Kingdom. It's what you do!

If you like to preach but really love to teach God's Word, then you call yourself Linzie Atkins, III, and you strive each day to lead God's people out of darkness and into the glory of God's light. It's what you do!

If you're a church family, sitting at the intersection of love and opportunity, and your arms are stretched out to embrace all within view, then you call yourself Lincoln Memorial, and you stand as a beacon of hope and a ray of light to the lost, the lonely and defeated souls, providing them with the spiritual nourishment of God's plan of salvation. It's what you do!

As we continue to plot our course of action for 2020, make sure that you position yourself to do your best in all that you do all of the time. Plan your work and work your plan. Obstacles and setbacks are sure to occur, but keep your thoughts positive and keep moving forward toward your goals. Don't



A Queen To Be!



First Lady Marva Atkins is a member of the *Durham and Vicinity Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows*. The Association has selected Marva to represent our local group in the annual Queen's Contest to be held during our State Meeting.

We are requesting your financial assistance in support of First Lady Marva as our Queen Representative to reach our goal of \$1,000.00. All contributions received will be used in total for this effort and proceeds from the Queen's Contest are used to help finance our State charities, scholarship program, and to help support our annual State meetings.

If anyone in the Lincoln Memorial Family would like to be present for this event it will be held on Monday Night, April 6th, at Shiloh Baptist Church, 1210 S. Eugene St. in Greensboro. Tickets for the banquet are \$30.00. *(Make checks payable to DVAMWMMW)*

Please see First Lady Marva if there are questions.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

settle for mediocrity, inaction or wander aimlessly in motion. Use the gifts given to you by our Heavenly Father to work the works of God for the betterment and enrichment of His Kingdom.

Let's do our part to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and win souls for Christ. Let's keep the faith, spread the love and let our work speak for us. **It's what you do!**

Around Lincoln...



The Membership Ministry recognized ALL 2019 LMBC Family member birthdays on Dec. 29, 2019 by serving cupcakes and punch after service. Sis. Barbara Leathers, Ministry Chairperson, prepares to serve the cupcakes!



Several members of the Lincoln Family attended the annual MLK Breakfast in observance of Dr. King's holiday celebration.



Celebrating the end of our Corporate Fast, Sis. LaTisha Johnson and Sis. Adrienne Jernigan prepare to serve soup to the Lincoln family prior to Bible study.



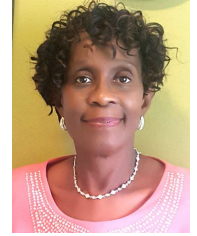
Deacon on Duty for the month of February:

**Deacon Robert Brodie
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Minister's Corner

- by Rev. Patricia Lee

I Still Want My Water



Some Preachers on television were amazingly preaching similar messages. The subjects of the messages were related to distractions and how important it is for us to avoid this common issue. They mentioned how texting while driving has become a major threat to our safety. There has been an increase in fatalities because a driver read a message or sent a message to someone instead of keeping his or her eyes on the road. Certainly we don't forget the drunk or drug impaired person who is not able to stay focus. This behavior can and often lead to some sort of tragedy.

Distractions come in other forms. We set a goal to diet and exercise on a certain day. Someone brings hot Krispy Kreme doughnuts into work. A friend offers to treat us to a movie. Distractions eliminate your plans. We also tend to get involved in money distractions while forgetting our plans. I can witness to that. Presently our family is enjoying two nice used vehicles for which we are so grateful. However, the other day I fastened my eyes on a shiny black Mercedes SUV and I stopped and gazed for a while. I said to myself I can easily go back to work for a couple of years and have it paid for. This time it would be a new one. I forgot all our plans to stay out of debt as much as possible and concentrate on working for God more and for material things less as we enjoy this "Senior" life.

There is nothing wrong with desiring nice things. God wants us to have them. Still we must stay focused and wait for His guidance. If it's what He wants for us and our motives are God centered then keep working towards receiving them. Oppositions and distractions will surely occur while we wait but keep on waiting. Don't give up on the blessing God has for you. Waiting can be painful. But keep on keeping on if you truly have a thirst for what you desire.

While babysitting his young son a father became impatient. The youngster asked for water several times. The last time he asked the father said if I have to come upstairs and bring you water again I'm going to spank you. The little boy said dad when you come spank me please bring my water. Yes the world may spank us and even try to beat us down. But like the little boy, "I still want my water." God will provide it if I endure.

After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. (John 19:28)

Black History Spotlight



Maynard Jackson, Jr.

Politician/Economic Empowerment

The great-grandson of slaves, Maynard Holbrook Jackson, Jr., was born in Dallas, Texas, on March 23, 1938. His father, Maynard Holbrook Jackson, Sr., was a leading figure in the 1930s campaign for Black voting rights in Dallas and a founder of Democratic Progressive Voter's League in 1936. His mother, Irene Dobbs Jackson, was a professor of French at Spelman College who desegregated the Atlanta City Library System. When Maynard was seven his father, a clergyman, moved the family to Atlanta, Georgia, where he assumed pastorship of the Friendship Baptist Church.

After graduating from Morehouse College in 1956 with a BA degree in Political Science, Jackson attended law school at North Carolina Central University where he earned a JD Degree Cum Laude in 1964.

In 1969 Jackson was elected vice mayor of Atlanta. On October 16, 1973, at the age of 35, he became the first African American to be elected mayor of a major southern city.

He served three terms as Atlanta's mayor, first from January 1974 to January 1982, and later from January 1990 to January 1994. During this time he presided over the inception of Atlanta's rapid transit system and the expansion of its airport.

He had a reputation for an uncompromising confrontational style, but - for many Black Atlantans, as well as upwardly mobile African Americans who flocked to the city from other parts of the country - he ushered in a new era of economic opportunities that dramatically expanded Atlanta's Black middle and upper classes.

One major challenge of his leadership was that of healing the wounds opened by the horrific Atlanta child murders in the early 1980s. Also, although political ally Andrew Young was mayor of Atlanta during the 1996 Olympic Games, Jackson is widely credited with bringing them to the city.

On June 23, 2003, at age 65, he died of a stroke at Washington's Reagan National Airport. Atlanta remembers Jackson with two major public facilities: the Southside Comprehensive High School, which was renamed the Maynard Holbrook Jackson High School in 2008; and the Maynard H. Jackson International Terminal, which opened at the Jackson-Hartsfield International Airport in 2013.

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Celebrating Black History

Reflecting on our vast and illustrious history, our Black History Ministry has organized a series of presentations for each Sunday in February.

First Sunday

Black History Moment

Second Sunday

Youth Presentation

Third Sunday

Member Presentation

Fourth Sunday

Special Presentation

&

Soul Food Potluck Dinner

*A people without the knowledge of their past history,
origin and culture is like a tree without roots.*

- Marcus Garvey

Poetry in the Black Experience...

On Virtue

- by Phillis Wheatley

O thou bright jewel in my aim I strive
To comprehend thee. Thine own words declare
Wisdom is higher than a fool can reach.
I cease to wonder, and no more attempt
Thine height t'explore, or fathom thy profound.
But, O my soul, sink not into despair,
Virtue is near thee, and with gentle hand
Would now embrace thee, hovers o'er thine head.
Fain would the heaven-born soul with her converse,
Then seek, then court her for her promised bliss.

Auspicious queen, thine heavenly pinions spread,
And lead celestial *Chastity* along;
Lo! now her sacred retinue descends,
Arrayed in glory from the orbs above.
Attend me, *Virtue*, thro' my youthful years!
O leave me not to the false joys of time!
But guide my steps to endless life and bliss.
Greatness, or *Goodness*, say what I shall call thee,
To give an higher appellation still,
Teach me a better strain, a nobler lay,
O Thou, enthroned with Cherubs in the realms of day!

Happy Birthday

to our

February Birthday Celebrities!

*Tyrone Pratt • Annie Wright
Miracle Johnson • Robert Brodie
Shannon Daye • Sam Kearney
Kimberly Alexander • Felicia Amos
Bryce Davenport*

Best Wishes For Many More!!

Two Words, To Live By

- by Sis. Janice Swann-Campbell

I have written articles before about words and how they can impact us, because “Words Matter”. I admit that words could be an obsession of mine and I love learning new ones. As I have said before vocabulary is what helps us to pass tests. Our children would benefit from being vocabulary rich.

I do have an interest in words, their meaning, their origin, their usage, so I can use them correctly. Two words are about your legacy, mastery, freedom, and alignment. Alignment is feeling like you belong. It is easy to be with people and not feel you belong where you are. Finding alignment can put us where we need to be.

We commute to work, clean our houses, take out the trash, so we fulfill our daily duties, daily events and most are unavoidable. Do we think about our adventures? Each adventure makes our fondest memories, it is what our children and grandchildren will remember many years from now. It only takes a moment to make a moment.

We all want something better in our relationships, our health, and our finances. God gave us a certain amount of years to make an impact. I am realizing now how many opportunities I have missed to share God’s love with others. Proverbs 23:7 (KJV) **“For as he thinketh in his heart so is he: Eat and drink**

saith he to thee, but his heart is not with thee.”

We can change our lives two words at a time. I am not implying that anyone needs to change, but a simple pair of words at a time has the power to: inspire, motivate, and transform. Small steps can lead to big changes, for example: “accept you”, “aim high”, “amplify hope”, “be awesome, “be careful”, and my favorite “laugh often”.

Good Health

He who enjoys good health is rich though he knows it not. - Italian Proverb

Find two words about health. Our health is our most important asset and must be protected. Health is the key to having the freedom to accomplish what you want. Choose one new healthy habit each day. Take a walk after dinner; eat two vegetables each day, drink water.

I choose the two words: “be intentional”. It reminds me to be intentional in every aspect of my life. I have the chance to be intentional about sharing and living by faith; intentional with my time with family and friends; intentional about work and our work; intentional about choice because each day is a choice. Have a great year!

Health and Wellness

Your Guide To Preparing for Winter Storms

While we monitor the weather and inform you about expected impacts, sometimes storms move so quickly and without warning. Be prepared before winter storms hit.

Prepare your house. Take the following steps to help your home better withstand cold weather:

- ◆ Use caulk to seal gaps around your doors and windows to keep cold air from entering your home.
- ◆ If you have a wood-burning fireplace, stock up on dry firewood to keep you warm.
- ◆ If you have a generator, make sure you have enough fuel to keep it in operation if needed and refresh yourself on the instructions for safe use.
- ◆ When snow and ice are in the forecast, put down sand on your outdoor walkways before the winter weather arrives to help prevent dangerous falls.
- ◆ Stay informed

**Happy Winter,
Your Health and Wellness Ministry**



Save The Date!!

Sunday, March 8th

Rep Your School Day!



Proudly show your school colors during our morning worship on the 2nd Sunday in March. Organized by our Music Ministry, the aim is to promote the value of an education to our K-12 students and to encourage them to pursue higher education after high school. In addition to wearing school attire, a few



members of the Lincoln family will be featured in an inspiring video presentation. For more information or to participate in the video, please contact Sis. Adrienne Jernigan.



“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.”

- Malcolm X

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MOREHOUSE

“If you are planning for a year, sow rice; if you are planning for a decade, plant trees; if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people.”

- Chinese Proverb



Do great things.



And so many, many more! Rep Your School!!

Are You Ready to Break Out of Your Rut?

A woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years . . . When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, because she thought, ‘If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.’ Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. (Mark 5:25, 27-29 NIV)

The Bible tells a story in Mark 5 about a woman who had bled for 12 years. Her condition made her ceremonially unclean in Jewish culture, which meant she had no social life, no interaction with others. She had spent all her money trying to get well. Can you imagine how lonely and desperate she must have been?

One day she hears that Jesus Christ is coming to town. She says, “If I can just touch his robe, I’ll be healed.” So she takes the initiative and makes a daring act, pushing her way through the crowd to come up behind Jesus and touch the back of his robe. She is instantly healed!

Jesus recognizes the touch of faith. He asks, “Who touched me?” People are pressing all around Jesus in this crowd. The disciples are sometimes a bumbling group, so Peter asks him, “What do you mean, ‘Who touched me?’ Look—everybody’s around you and you say, ‘Who touched me?’”

But Jesus knows the difference. The woman comes to him in fear and trembling and says, “I did, Lord.” And he says, “Daughter, your faith has made you well.”

This woman, desperate in life and bold in faith, took the initiative. She broke the rules. She went beyond the boundaries. She decided she was ready to begin again and committed herself to action. She pressed ahead and got through the crowd, and because she took the initiative, her act of faith led to her healing.

Faith can lead to the same kind of miraculous outcome in your life. When you’re stuck in a rut, faith overcomes procrastination by helping you “get it in gear.” It gives you the power to take the initial step that will move you forward to where God wants you to be. No more being indecisive and waffling back and forth. No more sitting on the fence.

When you grow in faith, you’ll learn to take the initiative and discover more of your purpose in life.

Pastor Rick Warren
www.pastorick.com

KIDZ ZONE

-submitted by Sis. Earleen Sharrock

WHAT IS Love?

The Bible tells us that love is from God and that God is love. The neat thing about God's love is that it's not a feeling to him; he can't fall out of love with us. He loves us even when we're not loveable and when we're grumpy or doing bad things. He loves all of us no matter what.

The tricky part is loving others like God loves us. Sometimes it's harder to show other people how you love them. I'm sure you'll run into somebody you don't think deserves your love or you just don't want to love at all, but God loves them and if we love God we are supposed to love them too.

Who exactly are we supposed to love?

- *Love God
- *Love your neighbors
- *Love yourself
- *Love your family
- *Love your friends
- *Love your enemies

What are some ways that we can love God? How do you show others you love them? We talk to them, try to get to know them better, listen to them, and sometimes we do things for them. We can do all these things for God. We might not be able to touch Him but we can pray to God, read the Bible and learn about him, obey Him and do the things he asks us to do.

Do you know who your neighbors are? Neighbors aren't just the people who live next to you but are everyone you might run into. I don't want to encourage you to run up to strangers, but think about helping others with love. By helping an elderly lady who needs help with her groceries, returning a wallet found on the street, or even praying for people on the news that are in trouble are just a few ways to love a neighbor.

We are also supposed to love ourselves. This doesn't mean that we should think we're better than everybody else. We get this from a Bible verse that says do for others as you would want them to do for you. This means we should take care of ourselves. Things like looking before we cross the street, eating our vegetables, and getting a good sleep at night are ways we can do that. Remember that if you're a Christian, the Spirit of God lives inside us and he wants us to treat ourselves with respect.

Loving our family is hopefully pretty easy. Even though we get mad at our parents sometimes because they don't let us do something, we still love them. Just remember that you are part of a family and nothing will ever change that. You should always be able to depend on each other and they'll be the ones to tell you the truth before anyone else.

Loving our friends should be easy because we pick the people we want to be friends with. The thing is, sometimes when we disagree with our friends we think we don't have to be their friend anymore, but God's love would ask us to forgive them and try to work things out.

I hope you don't have any enemies, but there will always be someone that you don't get along with or believes the opposite of what you believe. There are many, many people that don't believe in God and that purposely do things that hurt Him and God still loves them. Loving people that bully us or our friends seems impossible, but it's not with God's help. By asking for God's help we will be able to love our enemies easier when we just can't do it on our own.

Learning to love like God takes a long time and takes God's help. It's easier to love than to hate, so have lots of fun learning to love God and everyone around you!

Dear God, Thank you for the gift of love and for loving me with an everlasting love, a love that never changes. I pray that you will use me to share Your love with others. May this world know real love and may they be moved by it. Amen

KIDZ ZONE

-submitted by Sis. Earleen Sharrock

LOVE EYE TEST

13 THOUGHTS ON LOVE FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 13

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COMMENT THE FIRST WORD YOU SEE!

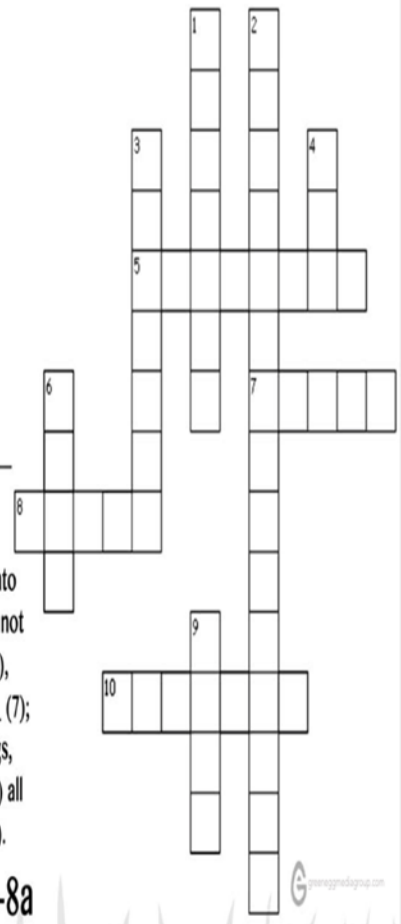


Love

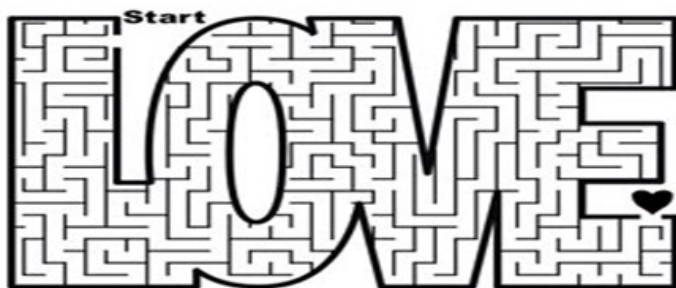
Directions for Activity

- 1) Look up 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a (NASB).
- 2) Fill in the blanks on the left.
- 3) Solve the puzzle on the right!

"Love is _____ (10),
 love is _____ (9) and is not
 _____ (3); love does not
 _____ (6) and is not _____
 (5), does not act unbecomingly;
 it does not seek its _____ (4),
 is not provoked, does not take into
 account a wrong suffered, does not
 rejoice in _____ (2),
 but rejoices with the _____ (7);
 bears all things, believes all things,
 hopes all things, _____ (1) all
 things. Love never _____ (8).



1 Corinthians 13:4-8a



What is Love?

Love is p _ t _ e _ t .
 Love is k _ n _ .
 It does not e _ v _ .
 It does not b _ a _ t .
 It is not p _ o _ d .
 It does not d _ s _ o _ o _ others.
 It is not s _ l _ - s _ e _ i _ g .
 It is not easily a _ g _ r _ d .
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 always h _ p _ s , always p _ r _ e _ e _ e _ .

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

kind, truth, protects, trusts, wrongs, envy, patient, dishonor, proud, perseveres, rejoices, angered, self seeking, hopes, boast

February 2020

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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