

The Testament

April 2020

Lincoln Memorial Baptist Church

Durham, NC

God Favored Me

- by Bro. Dean Jernigan

It was an ordinary day. I left home as usual on my way for another day of work. It had rained earlier in the morning and the roads were still a little wet, but traffic was moving along nicely on Highway 70. Nearing the end of my commute, I observed that I was approaching the familiar intersection of Highway 70 and Alexander Drive. It's usually pretty busy during this time of the morning and it has several lanes and turning lanes. I also noticed that a vehicle in the same lane that I was in was stopped at the intersection, even though the light was green. A second or two went by and the vehicle still had not moved so I pressed my brakes to slow down. Another second or two and the vehicle ahead of me still had not moved. I was travelling in the right lane and a car was in the lane to my left so I pressed my brakes harder to slow my car. Then it happened.

My car was slowing down, but it wasn't stopping. I was skidding. My car wasn't slowing fast enough and for some reason the vehicle was still at the light. What's going on I wondered. The light's green I shouted. Approaching the vehicle in my skidding car, I veered into the right turning lane to avoid hitting it in the rear. Oh no, I'm still skidding I shouted. Suddenly I found myself skidding right into a portion of the intersection that is typically full of moving cars.

In the twinkling of an eye, I saw the concrete median that separates the eastbound and westbound lanes on Alexander Drive. I looked into the eyes of a man in a vehicle on the other side of the median and our thoughts united in one horrible vision of me crashing into him. Oh Lord I yelled! Then it was over. My car stopped. The median had served as a barrier and stopped my car's momentum. Amazingly, there were no other cars in the lanes at that time.

Realizing the blessing that I had just received, I sat there for a moment and with my foot still on the brakes said a prayer. Thank you Lord I shouted! At that same moment, the vehicle that had been stopped at the intersection passed by me. More cars passed by me. The driver on the other side of the median drove off. In the course of their ordinary morning

commute, none of them were able to appreciate the extraordinary event that had just unfolded for me.

I said another prayer, checked my mirrors and pulled off. *God favored me* was all that I could think of as I realized that the outcome could have been very different if I had arrived at the intersection just a few seconds later.

Indeed, God did favor me. Experiences like the one I just described are dramatic and serve as powerful illustrations of the favor, grace and mercy that God extends to us. But if we think about it, there are plenty of other less dramatic examples that illustrate God's favor. What situation did God bring you through? What hope did He restore when all seemed lost? What way did He make when it seemed as though there was no way at all? What path did He light to help you on your way as you stumbled through the dark? Search the memory banks of your life's experiences and you're sure to find instances where God favored you as well.

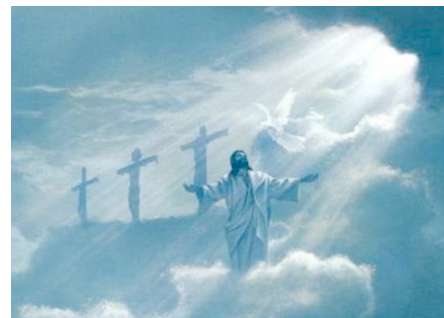
If we trust and believe His Word, then it should not surprise us when we are on the receiving end of God's favor. In His Word, God tells us that He will never leave or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5), that His Word will light a path for us (Psalm 119:105), and that He will give us the desires of our hearts (Psalm 37:4). He wakes us each day with a gentle finger of love and allows us to take a "closer walk with thee" on a road designed to give us favor in the end. *For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. (Jeremiah 29:11 NLT)*

God loves us. During this month, we will acknowledge His greatest act of love as we reflect on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. This singular act of giving His Son to die for our sins set us up for favor. Our job is to show love and appreciation in return, to study His Word and to reverence Him above all things. *And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice - the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to*



Resurrection Sunday
April 12, 2020

HE LIVES!!



I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.

John 11:25

SonRise Service
6:30am
(via Live-Stream)
www.mylmbc.org

SAVE THE DATE!!

April 1st
National Census Day
(Please complete your census if you have not already done so.)

April 19th
Graves Scholarship Day
Morning Worship Service
(Please support our Scholarship Efforts)

worship him. (Romans 12:1 NLT)

Each of us has been blessed and favored by God. His favor will protect us and guide us as we navigate the various challenges that confront us on the journey called life. We won't always know the why's of life, but if we stay focused on Him in the midst of our storms and accept His Will, then we can take comfort in knowing that we will always have God's favor in the end. *And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (Romans 12:2)*

Around Lincoln...



Congratulations to Sis. Adrienne Jernigan on being selected as the Teacher of the Year by her fellow teachers at Oak Grove Elementary School. Sis. Jernigan teaches music to students in grades K-5.



Sis. Latisha Johnson recites an inspiring and moving poem that she composed as part of our Black History Month Program.



Deacon William Mayfield describes many items used in days gone by during our Black History Month Program.



Deacon on Duty for the month of April

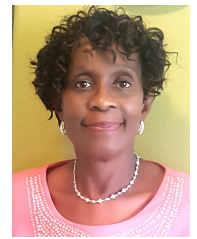
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Minister's Corner

- by Rev. Patricia Lee

I SHALL NOT DIE, BUT LIVE, AND DECLARE THE WORKS OF THE LORD

This newsletter entry is a struggle for me this month. The reason is because my goal is to attempt to avoid overwhelming your thoughts with more hopeless talk of the Corona Virus. Of course I understand the huge impact this virus is making on all of us. However, I also know without a shadow of doubt that God is in control. He always knew when this virus would surface. He knew how and why it would surface. So certainly He knows when it will end and how the ending will come about.



Our role as a child of God is to talk of life not death. We should continue to keep the light of hope burning. We don't know the why's and how's of the Corona Virus or many other viruses or diseases in this world. Actually if we carefully survey this fact we would admit we really know little about a great deal of subjects. That's why as Christians we must get wisdom. Wisdom teaches you and me that the promises of God are true and reliable. For example: He promises to never leave me. He hasn't. He promises to be my Shepherd. He is. He said He has loved me with an everlasting love and He has. He says He was going to prepare a place for me and I can be with Him. He did and I will.

So come my Christian friends. Let us prove to this unbelieving world that the Everlasting Love of Our God who sent His son to die for us did seal our Great Hope in Him. We don't worry or fear because He told us that to die in Christ is to gain. I know, that I know no matter what comes my way, "I SHALL NOT DIE, BUT LIVE AND, DECLARE THE WORKS OF THE LORD".

HOSANNA, BLESSED be the Rock OF MY SALVATION!!!!!!

Black History Spotlight



Septima Clark

Educator/Civil Rights Activist

Septima Poinsette Clark is perhaps the only woman to play a significant role in educating African Americans for full citizenship rights without gaining sufficient recognition. She was born the second of eight children in Charleston, South Carolina, to Peter Poinsette, a former slave, and his wife Victoria Warren Anderson, a laundress. She graduated from Avery Normal Institute in 1916.

She married a Navy seaman, Nerie Clark, in 1919. The couple's first child died in infancy. A son was born in 1925, but her husband died shortly after.

Due to segregation, she taught in rural segregated schools throughout South Carolina. She earned a Bachelor's degree from Benedict College in 1942 and a Master's degree from Hampton Institute in 1946.

Clark not only taught young students, but she held informal literacy classes for adults. Although abolished decades earlier, a lingering aftereffect of slavery was that many Blacks still could not read or write. As a result, they were often denied the right to vote because they could not pass the literacy tests that were presented to them when they would try to vote. She also pushed an education and equal rights agenda in numerous organizations such as the YWCA, Federation of Women's Clubs, Council of Negro Women and the NAACP.

In 1956 when South Carolina banned membership in the NAACP, Clark lost her teaching job and pension when she refused to comply. Hired by Myles Horton, she became Director of Workshops at the Highlander Folk School in Tennessee. When this program was absorbed into the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Clark and her cousin Bernice Robinson created the first Citizenship School to educate Blacks in literacy, state government, and election procedures.

Traveling throughout the South, Clark trained teachers for citizenship schools and assisted in SCLC marches and protests, working with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Andrew Young. Dr. King acknowledged Clark when he received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 by insisting that she accompany him to Sweden.

She wrote two autobiographies outlining her nonviolent philosophy - *Echo in My Soul* (1962) and *Ready from Within* (1986).

Septima Clark continued to serve as a Civil Rights advocate, educator and leader until her death in 1987.

www.blackpast.org

Resurrection Sunday

Easter Joy

***Jesus came to earth,
To show us how to live,
How to put others first,
How to love and how to give.***

***Then He set about His work,
That God sent Him to do;
He took our punishment on Himself;
He made us clean and new.***

***He could have saved Himself,
Calling angels from above,
But He chose to pay our price for sin;
He paid it out of love.***

***Our Lord died on Good Friday,
But the cross did not destroy
His resurrection on Easter morn
That fills our hearts with joy.***

***Now we know our earthly death,
Like His, is just a rest.
We'll be forever with Him
In heaven, where life is best.***

***So we live our lives for Jesus,
Think of Him in all we do.
Thank you Savior; Thank you Lord.
Help us love like you!***

- by Joanna Fuchs
www.poemsource.com

Happy Birthday

to our

April Birthday Celebrities!

***Vera Hodge • Apryl Jernigan
Barbara Leathers • Eric Melvin
Deborah Murphy • Carolyn Davis
Carvia Williams • Stacy Shaw
Saige Wooten • Katie Williams
Tony Williams • Patricia Lee
Anelle Jackson***

Best Wishes For Many More!!

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Health and Wellness

Health Safety

- by Sis. Betty Jay, Chair

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinner, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. (Psalm 1:1)

Our topic this month is Health Safety, and the topic is right on time with all the issues that our community has had to deal with thus far this year. Our community has had to come to terms with senseless killings, natural disasters (flooding, hurricanes), the McDougald Terrace carbon monoxide poisoning, and now the Coronavirus pandemic.

We, your Health and Wellness Ministry, feel that the best way to deal with any problem is first to be knowledgeable about the issue. That is why we try and provide you with the most up-to-date data that is available on any topic that affects our members, and our community. We try to make that information readily accessible to every member of our congregation. We try hard to capture and summarize that data in a way that everyone can gain knowledge from the presentation. We provide you with handouts, put up posters, put information in the newsletter, vestibule and put it on the church monitors. This information is provided for you to read at your leisure.

Our second goal is to eliminate fear, instill trust, and keep our members safe, and healthy. We simply want to remind our members of things that we have been taught such as good hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene/cough etiquette and now social distancing of six feet, avoid large crowds of ten or more, and stay at home if you are sick. If everyone follows these rules and suggestions, they should stay safe.

We realize that the world that we live in is constantly changing and our goals are to keep our members up-to-date on the current health issues that may affect our congregation.

For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish. (Psalm 1:6)

2020 Census - Counting On You!

National Census Day - April 1, 2020

Everyone in the Lincoln family is encouraged to participate in the 2020 Census. Census questionnaires have been distributed and the airwaves are filled with commercials urging participating. The Black/African-American community has been historically undercounted in previous census counts. With your help, we can ensure that the undercount does not reoccur. *(Special thanks to those who have already completed the census!)*

What's At Stake?

- ◆ **FAIR REPRESENTATION:** Every 10 years, the results of the Census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets. The consequences of the next election will last an entire decade. Fair representation starts with an accurate census.
- ◆ **REDISTRICTING:** After each Census, state officials use the results to redraw the boundaries of their congressional and state legislative districts, adapting to population shifts.
- ◆ **ECONOMY:** Higher numbers mean that businesses can make better decisions on investments and development in our communities, which equates to more jobs.
- ◆ **EDUCATION:** A complete count provides more funding, which will in turn benefit our children and our workforce development. Funding for Head Start, Special Education, and Title 1 Grants to school districts are direct recipients of federal funding.
- ◆ **HEALTH CARE:** Lives will be saved based on an accurate count. There is a direct relationship between the census and access to healthcare, Medicaid expansion funds, and the reduction of healthcare costs for everyone when fewer people are uninsured.
- ◆ **INFRASTRUCTURE:** With more funding we will see safer roads, less traffic and better access to jobs.

Please complete your census questionnaire on or before April 1, 2020. You may complete it online at www.2020census.gov or by calling 844-330-2020.

www.skinnerleaders.org/census2020

Graves Scholarship Pancake Breakfast

In their ongoing effort to raise funds to support our youth, the Graves Scholarship Ministry hosted a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser. With a warm smile and an appreciative heart, members of the ministry served pancakes, sausages and beverages to all who came out to support this effort. Let us continue to support the worthy endeavors of this outstanding ministry.



Reminder - Graves Scholarship Day is Sunday, April 19th. Please make plans to contribute to the Graves Scholarship Fund!

Instead of Worry, Remember What God Has Done

With God everything is possible.

(Matthew 19:26 NLT)

When you're facing tough times, worry is a natural human response. But, instead of worrying, God wants you to worship. One way you can worship God is by believing who he is and what he can do.

In the book of 2 Chronicles, King Jehoshaphat and Israel found themselves in a tough spot. Three enemy nations were on their way to make war against them.

Though he was afraid, the king's first response was to gather his people to pray. He stood before the whole nation and prayed aloud. His prayer is a great model to show you how to pray when you feel stressed out and overwhelmed.

First, when you pray during a stressful time, remind yourself of who God is. Focus on his strength, character, and power. God can handle anything, including whatever you're facing right now.

In Matthew 19:26, Jesus says, "With God everything is possible" (NLT).

King Jehoshaphat knew this is true. He reminded himself of it as he prayed, "Are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you" (2 Chronicles 20:6 NIV).

The king's enemy was coming against him. But he chose to take his eyes off the problem and instead put his eyes on God's strength and power. He reminded himself of who God is.

After you remember who God is, remind yourself of what he has done. Remember when God has helped other people and when he has helped you. Recalling those things will give you confidence that God will handle whatever you are facing.

When King Jehoshaphat prays, "Did you not drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel?" (2 Chronicles 20:7 NIV), he's remembering when Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt to the Promised Land.

Jehoshaphat reminded himself of when God had helped Israel drive out enemies before. That gave him confidence that God will do it again.

What are you worrying about today? Instead of worrying, spend some time in prayer, remembering who God is and what he has done. Believe he can handle whatever you're facing.

*Pastor Rick Warren
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KIDZ ZONE

-submitted by Sis. Earleen Sharrock

HAPPY EASTER SYMBOLS

Easter eggs & baby chicks - Eggs and chicks symbolize new life. Eggs have been a symbol of spring since ancient times. An egg also is a symbol of the rock tomb out of which Christ emerged when he arose again. The chick, hatching out of the egg, symbolizes new life or re-birth.



Easter bunny - The rabbit, or hare, was a symbol of abundant new life in ancient times, and reminds us of spring and new life.



Easter Lilies - The white blossoms symbolize the purity of Jesus. Lilies, emerging from the earth in the spring, also symbolize new life and the resurrection of Christ.



The lamb - Represents Jesus, "the Lamb of God".



The cross - Symbolizes Jesus' victory over death.



Palm branches - Represents when Jesus arrived in Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday and people waved palm branches, welcoming him.



Easter hats & wearing new clothes for Easter- Symbolizes new life offered through the death and resurrection of Jesus.



Hot Cross Buns - Hot cross buns have a cross of icing on the top to remind people of Christ.



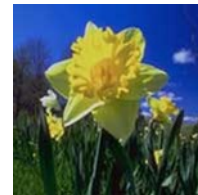
Candles - Symbolize Jesus, "the light of the world".



Pretzels - A food eaten during Lent - the twisted shaped symbolizes arms crossed in prayer.



Easter & Spring flowers - Daffodils and tulips bloom in the spring, and symbolize spring and new life.



Baby animals- Baby animals born in the spring also represent spring and new life.



The Butterfly is one of the significant symbols of Easter. Its whole life cycle is meant to symbolize the life of Jesus Christ. The first stage is the caterpillar, which stands for His life on Earth. Second phase begins from the cocoon stage, portraying the crucifixion and burial of Jesus. The third and final stage is the butterfly, representing His raising from the dead in a glorified body and peace.



KIDZ ZONE

Easter Word Search

B M A L M H B B K I N G R N R
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APOSTLES
 CHRIST
 CROSS
 CROWN
 CRUCIFIXION
 HOLY
 JESUS
 KING
 LAMB
 LOVE



MARY
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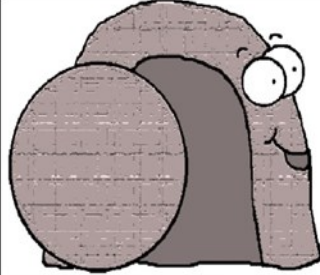
Who Am I?

Jesus	Peter	Judas	Mary
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1. I am one of Jesus' disciples. I denied knowing Jesus three different times before his death.
I am _____
2. I am the Son of God. I died on the cross, but rose from the tomb on the third day!
I am _____
3. I was one of Jesus' disciples. I betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.
I am a _____
4. I am Jesus' mother. Mary Magdalene and I ministered to Jesus when He was on the cross.
I am _____

He is Risen

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Resurrection Of Jesus

John 20:11 KJV But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping; and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre,

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Bible Easter Trivia II

Put an 'x' beside the answer you think is right!

How many words can you make out of the word- Resurrection

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| 1. _____ | 19. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 20. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 21. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 22. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 23. _____ |
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| 7. _____ | 25. _____ |
| 8. _____ | 26. _____ |
| 9. _____ | 27. _____ |
| 10. _____ | 28. _____ |
| 11. _____ | 29. _____ |
| 12. _____ | 30. _____ |
| 13. _____ | 31. _____ |
| 14. _____ | 32. _____ |
| 15. _____ | 33. _____ |
| 16. _____ | 34. _____ |
| 17. _____ | 35. _____ |
| 18. _____ | 36. _____ |

1. What colour robe/cloak was placed on Jesus?
 a.Red
 b.Black
 c.White
 d.Purple
2. Who rolled away the stone at Jesus' grave?
 a.God
 b.James and John
 c.An Angel
 d.A Soldier
3. Who brought burial spices for Jesus' body?
 a.Joseph
 b.Peter
 c.Nicodemus
 d.Martha
4. Which of the following did not occur at the point of Christ's death?
 a. The veil in the temple was ripped in half
 b. There was an earthquake
 c. The graves were opened and the saints arose
 d. There was a thunderstorm
5. What did the soldiers offer Jesus to drink while on the cross?
 a. Water
 b. Vinegar
 c. Wine
 d. Lemon juice
6. How long was Jesus in the grave before His resurrection?
 a. Three days and three nights
 b. Four days and four nights
 c. Three days and two nights
 d. Three days and four nights
7. Who of the following was the first person to see Jesus after his resurrection?
 a. Peter
 b. Joseph of Arimathea
 c. Mary Magdalene
 d. Roman Soldier
8. What did Jesus give to Judas to show that he would betray him?
 a. A cup of wine
 b. A silver coin
 c. A piece of bread
 d. A piece of roasted lamb
9. Who gave Jesus over to be crucified?
 a. Caesar
 b. Caiaphas
 c. Pilate
 d. Herod
10. How many days was Jesus on earth after his resurrection?
 a. 8
 b. 10
 c. 20
 d. 40
11. With what was Jesus' side pierced?
 a. Sword
 b. Spear
 c. Knife
 d. Thorn
12. When Jesus' side was pierced, what flowed out?
 a. Water
 b. Blood
 c. Water and blood
 d. Nothing
13. In what was Jesus' body wrapped?
 a. Linen
 b. Gauze
 c. Animal skins
 d. Purple cloth
14. Who was the king at the time of Jesus' crucifixion?
 a. Tiberius Caesar
 b. Pontius Pilate
 c. King Herod
 d. Romulus
15. The message on the cross was written in which language?
 a. Greek
 b. Hebrew
 c. Latin
 d. All of the above

April 2020

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>*Conference Call Prayer Line: Dial (605) 475-3235 and enter the pin - 20396# after the prompt.</i></p> <p><i>To add an event to the church calendar, please contact Sis. Janice Campbell by calling the church at 919-688-1886. You may also reach her at churchcalendar@mylmbc.org.</i></p> <p><i>Please send articles, photos or information for The Testament to newsletter@mylmbc.org by the 3rd Sunday of each month.</i></p>			<p>1 National Census Day 6:00am *Conference Call Prayer Line 12:00Noon Noon Day Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Bible Study</p>	<p>2 1:00pm RTTC Community Group 6:30pm Mass Choir</p>	<p>3 7:00pm Seventh Day Adventist</p>	<p>4 Seventh Day Adventist (All Day) 10:00am Trustees 12:00Noon Women of Faith 1:00pm Missionary Ministry</p>
<p>5 <i>*Please note: Due to the coronavirus pandemic, there are restrictions in place against worship services and meetings at the church. Meetings are currently being held via tele/video conference. Worship services are being live-streamed. Rev. Atkins will advise when worship services and meetings may resume at the church.</i></p>	<p>6 6:30pm Music Committee</p>	<p>7 6:30pm Pastor's Aide 6:30pm Sounds of Joy 7:00pm Seventh Day Adventist</p>	<p>8 6:00am *Conference Call Prayer Line 12:00Noon Noon Day Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Bible Study</p>	<p>9 1:00pm RTTC Community Group 6:00pm Christian Education 6:30pm Sounds of Joy</p>	<p>10 Good Friday 7:00pm Seventh Day Adventist</p>	<p>11 Seventh Day Adventist (All Day) 10:00am Deaconess</p>
<p>12 Resurrection Sunday 6:30am SonRise Service 8:00am Deacons 3:00pm Youth Missionaries</p>	<p>13 6:00pm Durham Ushers Union 7:00pm Leadership Institute</p>	<p>14 6:30pm Voices of Praise 7:00pm Seventh Day Adventist</p>	<p>15 6:00am *Conference Call Prayer Line 12:00Noon Noon Day Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Bible Study</p>	<p>16 1:00pm RTTC Community Group 6:00pm Voices of Praise</p>	<p>17 7:00pm Seventh Day Adventist</p>	<p>18 Seventh Day Adventist (All Day) 9:00am Layman's League</p>
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