

The Testament

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Lincoln Memorial Baptist Church

Durham, NC

A timeless message from the archives...

Seeing New Oceans

- by Bro. Dean Jernigan

Many years ago, I walked into an office and saw a poster hanging on a wall that featured a thought-provoking quote. "If you want to see new oceans, you can't be afraid to lose sight of the shore" proclaimed the poster. The quote resonated with me, and found a spot to latch onto in the back of my mind. Occasionally, as I contemplated various decisions, the quote would rise to the forefront of my consciousness and nudge me forward during times of doubt or indecision. For me, the message contained within the quote was clear - sometimes in order to grow, you have to let go. Losing sight of the shore means giving up the comforts and security of the familiar and stretching out into a new ocean of opportunity. This new ocean brings a measure of risk and uncertainty along with it, but it can also bring an abundance of joy.

In some ways, entering the world of fatherhood represents a new ocean for many men. In its best form, it's a planned and anticipated experience where men eagerly await their role in carrying out God's directive "to train up a child in the way that he should go." (Proverbs 22:6) Oceans of opportunity exist in the child rearing process to develop bonds that establish a father's presence and sow seeds of love, honor and respect that grow over time. The growth of those seeds must be constantly monitored so that adjustments can be made along the way.

As a faith community, we too have to monitor our growth and maintain an awareness of the unseen opportunities that lie before us. What adjustments do we have to make in our constant battle against the enemy in the Kingdom building

process? What shores are we holding onto that might impede our efforts to fully serve God or that stifle the growth of His Kingdom? What oceans of opportunity lie uncharted because of complacency on our part or our lack of effort?

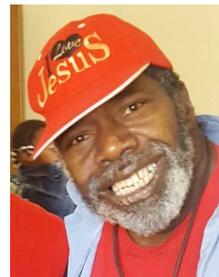


Undoubtedly, opportunities exist throughout God's Kingdom to demonstrate our faith and to act on the instructions provided to us in His Word. Pursuing those opportunities involves swimming toward new oceans that strengthen the ties that bind us to our faith and draw us closer to those that we love. It involves reaching inward to remove the thorns that hinder our relationships and block our efforts to become better Christians. As a church family, it involves reaching out to our neighbors and demonstrating our church motto - "Building the church in the Community and the Community in the Church", in both word and deed.

As we celebrate Father's Day during June, I encourage all of us, our men in particular, to engage our children like never before. Let's swim into the ever changing ocean of technology and gain an enhanced appreciation for the devices and tools that they use everyday. Let's swim into the oceans of availability and accessibility to share our talents and skills with them or in some cases just to lend a listening ear. Let's love and celebrate them for being the precious gifts that they are from above. *Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. (Psalm 127:3)*

Most importantly, let's leave the shore and bring them along with us

In Memoriam



Bro. Preston Norman

June 5, 1957 - April 9, 2021

*Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his saints.*

Psalm 116:15



Save The Date!
Vacation Bible School
June 21st-25th
More details
to be announced!

Morning Worship & Sunday School

Per direction from Rev. Atkins given at our May church conference, all members are encouraged to return to the sanctuary for morning worship services beginning on Sunday, June 6th. In addition, Sunday School sessions will return to the sanctuary beginning on Sunday, July 4th. Masks/face coverings will be required in the sanctuary until further notice.

as we swim toward new oceans that lead to a greater love, understanding and appreciation of our Heavenly Father.

Happy Father's Day!

Around Lincoln...



Sis. Pamela Jernigan leads the Lincoln family in our annual recognition of our distinguished adult members on Senior Adult Appreciation Day.



Sis. Annie Wright recognizes Sis. Katie Williams, Lincoln's lone surviving founding member, during our Church Anniversary observance.

*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



**Deacon on Duty for the
month of June:**

**Deacon Robert Brodie
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Minister's Corner

- by Rev. Patricia Lee

"BUT IS IT DEAD?" ***MATTHEW 28:18-20***

Recently my husband suffered a traumatizing experience from an outpatient procedure that required sedation. He has been sedated many times before but this recovery was different. He would easily fall into deep sleep and become difficult to arouse.



Lil Irvin, our 5 year old great grandson witnessed one of these times. Ron was positioned on the bed with his hands folded on his chest and sleeping soundly. I called out to him and he didn't answer. Lil Irvin looked at me and asked, "is he dead?" I said no and asked him what was he talking about? He looked over again at Ron's still body. He then looked up at me while perched on the seat of his shiny red big wheel and repeated the question very sternly "is he dead?" I gave him a stronger, "No" and Lil Irvin excitedly backed out of the bedroom. He was assured that his strong, happy, lively Grandpa was indeed alive and well.

So my answer to any church pondering this post pandemic question as to whether or not we should open up (it's not only a Pastor or church leader question but it is a question for the entire church body as the church is made up of baptized believers in Jesus Christ) is, "Am I dead?" Is the church body dead? Is it lifeless and hopeless because of its stillness?

Let's all declare no to ourselves first and then to the church by letting our light shine as we continue to follow the Commandment given to us in Matthew 28:19-20.

If we can wholeheartedly obey this command then we can get ready to be moved by THE POWER OF GOD and witness to the world that the church is not dead because the church is in me and I am in the church. There can be no other way.

This is the challenge for all of God's people!!!! Not membership but discipleship as it's the driving force for opening the doors.

***PENTECOST IS WHEN WE RECEIVED THIS
POWER.***

AMEN!

Black History Spotlight

Historically Black Colleges and Universities Series



Livingstone College

Livingstone College was founded as Zion Wesley Institute by a group of A.M.E. Zion ministers for the purpose of training ministers in the Cabarrus County town of Concord, North Carolina in 1879. After three brief sessions, directed by principals Bishop C. R. Harris and Professor A.S. Richardson, the Institute ultimately closed in Concord. In 1881, Dr. Joseph Charles Price and Bishop J. W. Hood changed their roles as delegates to the Ecumenical Conference and became fund-raisers with the mission to re-establish Zion Wesley Institute. The Rowan County town of Salisbury, just 20 miles northeast of Concord, gave the Trustees a generous donation of \$1,000 and an invitation to relocate the school in Salisbury. They accepted both gifts, and the College re-opened in Salisbury in 1882 with Dr. Price as President. The new site was J. M. Gray's farm called Delta Grove, which consisted of one building and 40 acres of land.

Dr. Price, a brilliant scholar, great Gospel Preacher, world-famous orator, and advocate for the common man, served the college until his death in 1893. He demonstrated faith in his people, and called upon all to seize the opportunity to contribute toward elevating the Black man through generous support of educational enterprises. His great faith and hope for the future has been epitomized in this famous quotation of his: "I do not care how dark the night; I believe in the coming of the morning."

On February 8, 2006, the Livingstone College Board of Trustees named Dr. Jimmy R. Jenkins, Sr. the school's 12th President. Dr. Jenkins earned a Bachelors degree in Biology from Elizabeth City State University, teaching certification in Biology from Howard University, and a Masters degree and Doctorate degree in Biology Education from Purdue University.

Prior to being named President of Livingstone College, Dr. Jenkins served as President of Edward Waters College and Chancellor of Elizabeth City State University. Both institutions experienced growth in student enrollment and facilities under his leadership.

Building on the faith and hope of its founder, Livingstone College continues on its mission of providing a quality education to its student population as it prepares them to lead.

<https://www.livingstone.edu/about>

For Our Fathers and Father Figures

*A Dad is a person
who is loving and kind,
And often he knows
what you have on your mind.
He's someone who listens,
suggests, and defends.
A dad can be one
of your very best friends!
He's proud of your triumphs,
but when things go wrong,
A dad can be patient
and helpful and strong
In all that you do,
a dad's love plays a part.
There's always a place for him
deep in your heart.
And each year that passes,
you're even more glad,
More grateful and proud
just to call him your dad!
Thank you, Dad...
for listening and caring,
for giving and sharing,
but, especially, for just being you!
Happy Father's Day.*

www.theholidayspot.com

Happy Birthday to our June Birthday Celebrities!

*Betty Jay (4th) • Joel Baptiste (6th)
Christopher Sanders (7th) • LaTacha Evans (10th)
Mamie Brodie (13th) • Tanga Best (18th)
Jasper Earl (19th) • Jonathan Poole (19th)
Tiffany Long (20th) • Barbara Cromartie (23rd)
Dean Jernigan (25th) • Tamecia Daye (26th)
Adrienne Jernigan (26th) • Stephen Smith (26th)
Montesia Carrillo (28th) • Tomeka Mayfield (29th)
Caleb Crawley (30th)*

Happy Anniversary!

*Bro. Robert and Sis. Lelia Ervin (1st)
Bro. Joseph and Sis. Lisa Eley (8th)
Rev. Lawrence and Deaconess Willa Clark (10th)
Sis. Sarah Devane (18th)
Bro. Thurman and Sis. Gloria Prescott (21st)
Bro. Irvin and Sis. Shekina Wooten (22nd)
Bro. Dean and Sis. Pamela Jernigan (27th)*

Best Wishes For Many More!!

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Health and Wellness

NCHHS Vax Up or Mask Up Campaign

- submitted by Sis. Betty Jay, Chair

With more and more North Carolinians getting vaccinated, we are able to take significant steps and return to the people and places we love. The new guidance issued May 14 lifts many COVID-19 restrictions, including:

- All mandatory capacity and gathering limits;
- All social distancing requirements; and
- Mandatory mask requirements for most indoor and outdoor settings, excluding public transportation, child care, schools, health care settings like hospitals, doctor's offices and nursing homes; and in other high risk settings like correctional facilities and homeless shelters

Getting vaccinated (YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov and Vacunate.nc.gov) is our best way out of the pandemic and to save lives. People who are NOT fully vaccinated should still wear a mask and keep their distance in all indoor public settings.

As we move beyond the 3 Ws in most settings, we are asking everyone across our state to "Vax Up or Mask Up." Just like you helped us make the 3 Ws a state-wide slogan, we are asking for your help to ensure all North Carolinians are aware.

Please note that under Executive Order 215, masks are still required to be worn by everyone in certain high-risk public settings and the 3 Ws signs or similar materials can continue to be used in places like child care, schools, health care settings, long-term care settings, and public transportation.

Thank you, as always, for all you do every day to keep our communities safe and informed.

NC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Men's Health Month!

- submitted by Sis. Janice Campbell

Looking For Ways To Get Involved With Men's Health Month? We've Got You Covered

Men's Health Month is universally recognized across the country by local, state, and federal governments as an awareness period dedicated to the health of men, boys, and their families.

Men's Health Week will return for it's 27th year, ending on Father's Day, from June 14-20, 2021. The Friday before Father's Day is Wear Blue Day, where we want YOU to #ShowUsYourBlue.

Are you looking to get involved and also not sure where to look? Thankfully, we've got you covered! Head over to www.menshealthmonth.org to get started.

Wear Blue Friday is June 18th

Wear any shade of blue and Use the #WearBlueForMen, #WearBlue4Men, and #ShowUsYourBlue hashtags across Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, TikTok, YouTube, and LinkedIn. Tag us on social media!

Remembering Bro. Preston Norman

Although health issues kept Bro. Preston Norman out of our view for several years prior to his passing, they did not keep him out of our thoughts and prayers. In a loving tribute, several members of the Lincoln family, accompanied by friends, coworkers and caretakers, joined recently to honor his memory and to reflect on the time and moments shared with him. Special thanks to Sis. Vera Hodge for organizing this well deserved honor. Following are a few moments from the event.



Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Matthew 11:29 (NIV)

Your SHAPE Shows Your Purpose

Before I shaped you in the womb, I knew all about you. Before you saw the light of day, I had holy plans for you.

Jeremiah 1:5 (The Message)

Do you want to live a life of purpose and meaning? Think of what you do well - and find ways to do more of those things. Then think of what you don't do well - and find ways to do less of those things.

God created you to be unique. He shaped you in a specific way for a special purpose only you can fulfill. In Jeremiah 1:5, God says, "Before I shaped you in the womb, I knew all about you. Before you saw the light of day, I had holy plans for you" (The Message).

No matter what, you can rest in the truth that God is working in your life and that he shaped you to succeed. He shaped you in advance for those plans. God's plans for your life didn't start the moment you were born. Those plans started before your birth, when the Bible says God shaped you in your mother's womb.

But here's the best part. The way God shaped you reveals how he wants to use you. How do you discover the unique way God made you?

I like to use the acrostic SHAPE - your Spiritual gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality, and Experiences. These are the five things that make you, you. And, by looking at each of these areas, you'll begin to understand what God wants you to do with your life.

Spiritual gifts are God-empowered abilities for serving him that are given only to believers. For instance, some gifts motivate you for ministry - like serving, teaching, encouraging, leading, giving, showing mercy, or offering biblical insight.

Heart refers to the bundle of desires, hopes, interests, ambitions, dreams, and affections you have. It's what you love to do and what you care about most.

Abilities are the natural talents you were born with. God wants you to do what you're able to do.

Personality affects how and where you use your spiritual gifts and abilities. You'll use your gifts in different ways from anybody else.

Experiences teach you lessons that help you mature. They also help you minister to others going through similar experiences.

My friend, when God made you, he broke the mold - there is no one else like you. My prayer is that you will find freedom and renewed energy as you live and serve according to your SHAPE.

Pastor Rick Warren
www.pastorrick.com

KIDZ ZONE

-submitted by Sis. Earleen Sharrock

WE ALL HAVE A FATHER

Psalms 68:5: A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.

Give me a **F** is for "**FORGIVING**." Even when we disobey or do something wrong, this person is willing to forgive us.

Give me an **A** is for "**ATTENTIVE**." When we need someone to talk to, this person is willing to listen to what we have to say.

Give me a **T** is for "**TEACHER**." This person teaches us the most important lessons of our life. He teaches us right from wrong. He teaches us by example how to love one another.

Give me a **H** is for "**HELPFUL**." This person helps us to make the important decisions we face each day. He may offer advice, or he may just be a good listener, but he is always there to help us.

Give me an **E** is for "**ENERGETIC**." No matter how tired he is, this person always seems to find the energy to do things with us and for us.

Give me a **R** is for "**READY**." This person is always ready to reach out in love to us. He is ready to do whatever we need.

Who is this person that wants to do all of these things for you? Our **FATHER**, who can be our earthly father and/or our Heavenly Father

In the dictionary, there are many meanings to the word "father." Here are a few of them: **1)** Father can be a man who has a child. (You might call him "your real dad.") **2)** Father can be someone who begins something. **3)** Father can be an older man. **4)** Father can be one of the leaders of a city. Sometimes a father could be your real dad. Sometimes a father could be a stepdad. Sometimes a father could be a man who treats us as though they were our dad. Sometimes a father could be a preacher, or maybe a teacher who teaches us important things.

Maybe you are a kid that has a wonderful dad. He does special things with you that you like to do. Maybe he takes you camping, or on special trips, plays soccer or football with you, or takes you shopping. Maybe he teaches you how to do things like ride a bike, how to fish, how to play a musical instrument, or how to fix something. Of all the things he can teach you, the most important thing is that he reads the Bible or Bible stories to you and teaches you about God.

But you know, sometimes kids don't have a dad that they ever see, or who they don't see very often. But, they might have a stepdad, a grandpa, another relative or a good friend that almost seems like a dad to them.

In the Bible there's a story about an older man who became like a father to a young man. The older man's name is Paul, and the young man's name is Timothy. The Bible doesn't tell us anything about Timothy's real dad--it just tells us about his mom Eunice, and his grandmother Lois. II Tim.1:4-6. Those Bible verses tell us that his grandmother was the first one in his family who loved God, and then his mother loved God, and then Timothy loved God. We don't know where Timothy's dad was, but we know that Paul, an older man, wrote letters to Timothy and taught him about God. He was like a father to him. He even told him not to pay attention to the people that were saying that he was too young to do anything for God.

There's another story in the Bible about a leader in the city being like a father. In that story, Samuel

was a young boy when his mother took him to the temple (like a church) to be taught by the priest/preacher Eli. Eli taught Samuel how to listen to God. Samuel grew from a young boy into a very great man of God because he learned how to listen to God.

We should be very thankful for having a dad that loves us, or for having someone who treats us like they are a dad to us. If you have a Dad that does things with you or not, there is one Father that has promised to always be with you. God is our heavenly Father. He will never mess up, never leave us, and never make a mistake. He even said He would be a Father to those who don't have a father. Isn't that wonderful? In Psalm 68:5 it says, "A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling."

There were some words people used in the Bible when they would pray to God. They would say, "Abba, Father." Do you know what those words really mean? They mean "Daddy God." God is our perfect Father. We can trust him completely. He wants you to talk to him like you would with your dad or with a good friend here on earth. We call that praying. Praying is just talking to God like you talk to anyone else. He loves you so much. He wants you to love Him too. Why don't we talk to Him right now?

Dear Lord, We thank you for our fathers. Help us to show them love and appreciation not just on Father's Day but at all times. Thank you for putting people in our lives that can be like a father to us. Most of all, thank you for being our heavenly Father. In Jesus' name, Amen.

KIDZ ZONE

-submitted by Sis. Earleen Sharrock

Our Father

My name is: _____

Use the Word Bank below to fill in the prayer.

Our _____, Who art in _____,
 hallowed be Thy _____; Thy
 _____ come, Thy _____ be
 done on _____ as it is in
 _____. Give us this _____ our
 daily _____; and _____ us our
 _____ as we _____ those
 who _____ against us; and
 _____ us not into _____.
 but _____ us from _____.

Amen.

Word Bank

evil	heaven	temptation	forgive	God	earth
bread	trespasses	heaven	kingdom	forgive	day
Father	trespass	deliver	name	will	

Fathers are wonderful people
 Too little understood,
 And we do not sing their **praises**
 As often as we should...
 But **FATHERS** are just wonderful
 In a million different ways,
 And they merit loving **compliments**
 And accolade of praise,
 For the only reason Dad aspires
 To **fortune** and success
 Is to make the family proud of him
 And to bring them **HAPPINESS...**
 And like our Heavenly Father,
 He's a **guardian** and a guide,
 Someone that we can count on
 To be **always** on our side.

Happy Fathers Day

Help the kids give their dad a special Father's Day hug!

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FATHER'S DAY WORD SEARCH

Happy Father's Day!

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Celebrate	Gift	Home	Caring	Honor	Daughter
Relaxation	Son	Hugs	Holiday	Hero	Gentleman
Inspiration	Wise	Sunday	Giving	Daddy	Children
Appreciate	Laugh	Happy	Love	Loyal	Encourager
Grandfather	Kiss	Fun	Family	Friend	Provider
Devoted	Card	Cake	Strong	Father	Greatest

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June 2021

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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27	28	29 6:30pm Computing & Technology 6:30pm Mass Choir	30 6:00am 12 Noon 6:00pm *Conference Call Prayer Line 7:00pm Bible Study	<p>*Conference Call Prayer Line: Dial (605) 475-3235 and enter the pin - 20396# after the prompt.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Please send articles, photos or information for The Testament to newsletter@mylmbc.org by the 3rd Sunday of each month.</p>		