

The Testament

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Lincoln Memorial Baptist Church

Durham, NC

A timeless message from the archives...

Shoes For The Team

- by Deacon Dean Jernigan

Several decades ago, a shoe company sent two of its salespersons on a trip to a remote country to explore growth opportunities. The first salesperson returned home and stated – there’s no opportunity there – nobody wears shoes. The second salesperson returned home and excitedly proclaimed – there’s a tremendous opportunity there – nobody wears shoes!

Isn’t it amazing how two people can look at the same situation and view it so vastly different? Our expectations and life experiences have a great influence on the perspective that we view on situations and events. Attitudes factor in as well. All of these factors contribute to the filters that shape our perspectives and guide our interactions with the people that we encounter each day. Businesses thrive, or sometimes fail, in their desire to meet their objectives in part due to the perspective guiding their actions regarding a product or even an entire group of people.

The same thing can happen with a church. Our church is a dynamic entity, constantly changing and continuously infused with a host of ideas and energies that shape the direction that we take in pursuing the growth of God’s Kingdom. Individually, we serve God by serving others. As a church family, we are part of a larger body of entities and individuals working together to spread the Good News of God’s plan of salvation. In either sense, we’re part of a team focused on doing God’s Will.

Teamwork is a powerful vehicle for achieving success as a team. It’s the common thread that you’ll find woven into the success of large and small businesses, sports teams, our family dynamics and our households of faith. It is built on trust and has at its core a mutual appreciation of members on the team. In building the Ford Motor Company into an empire, Henry Ford placed a high premium on teamwork, stating – “Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.”

Each of us has been gifted by our Heavenly Father to contribute to a team in a unique way. We act, move and think in accordance with the design that God has planned for our lives as we offer our contributions in support of the team effort. *Having then differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them. (Romans 12:6)* We each have strengths that we bring to a group - none of which that should be overlooked or undervalued, as well as shortcomings that need improvement. Team success depends on a healthy dose of mutual respect, confidence in one another’s ability to get the job done, and an honest exchange of ideas and viewpoints. *These are the things you are to do: Speak the truth to each other, and render true and sound judgment in your courts. (Zechariah 8:16)*

As we celebrate our Pastor’s Anniversary and continue to work the works of God to grow His Kingdom as a team called the Lincoln family, let us take a fresh look at the filters that influence the perspectives that we have of the issues before us, the opportunities around us and of each other. Let us grow in our appreciation of the value of our team and its many diverse members. On appreciating teamwork, NBA Hall of Fame member Phil Jackson, the coach of 11 NBA Championship Teams, puts it nicely when he says – “The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.”

God places opportunities all around us. Opportunities for love, for growth and for excelling as a team doing His Will. Some opportunities may not appear as obvious as others at first; but when viewed through the filter of God’s love, they become as clear as the opportunity to provide shoes in a land where nobody wears shoes. When we adjust our filters to see God first in all that we do and in all that we encounter, then we will have the best fitting shoes that any team could wear.



Celebrating Our Pastor’s Anniversary!



*The
Pastor’s Aide Ministry
Invites You To A*

COMMUNITY DAY BLOCK PARTY!

Saturday, August 10th
12:00pm - 5:00pm

EVERYONE IS WELCOMED!!

Please Join Us For A Fun-Filled Day!

There will be:

- ◆ Prayer Tent (Serving All LMBC Ministries and Members)
- ◆ Health & Wellness Information
- ◆ Baton Rouge Cuisine Food Truck
- ◆ Fun Games
- ◆ Face Painting
- ◆ Music & Dance
- ◆ FREE Hot Dogs, Snacks and Bottled Water
- ◆ Gently Used Clothing & Book Giveaways
- ◆ FREE Haircuts

We look forward to seeing you there! Please also plan to attend our morning worship service on Sunday, August 11th!

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

Around Lincoln...



The Deacon Ministry welcomes its newest member - Deacon Ron Lee. Congratulations to Deacon Lee and thanks from the Lincoln family for your willingness to serve God's people.



Sis. Kathy Williams shares the moment, and the love, with her mother, Sis. Delma Slade during a recent outing.



Deaconess Willa Clark greets the congregation following the recognition of her retirement from Vance County Schools by First Lady Marva.



**Deacon on Duty for the
month of August:
Deacon William Mayfield
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Minister's Corner

- by Rev. Patricia Lee

When Revival Comes

If you were fortunate enough to attend revival you are aware of Rev. Daniels' topic for the first night of our revival, which was, "When Revival Comes". It was a good power packed message in my opinion. His main point stated that a preacher can't preach revival into you, the choir can't sing revival into you but revival comes when we recognize that we need to be revived. Once we realize that we have come short in following and obeying God's Word and are in need of forgiveness, restoration and healing, then and only then can revival come.



I shared with the congregation something I read written by an anonymous writer. It said Satan deploys, the world ignores and God restores. Following our very moving revival I took time and really reflected on this saying. I had to agree.

You see the spiritually powerful impact of our services the last eight days made Satan angry. So he deployed his demons to make attendance of the saints difficult and impossible for some. Some of us were afflicted with illnesses, (I can testify to that); some had appointments that they couldn't break; jobs restrained some of us by changing schedules and adding more tasks to us making us late to revival or not able to get there at all. Of course he only takes the time to do these things to those he knows are trying to live for Christ. The enemy knows some folk don't really get involved with such things as bible study, Sunday School, VBS or afternoon services, prayer meeting and yes revival because personal revival hasn't come yet. Our role is not to judge but to keep on praying, keep on preaching and keep on loving them. If truth be told none of us have perfect attendance. That is what Rev. Tyner pointed out in his sermon.

Revival is for the restoration of Christian saints with the hope that some lost soul after hearing the invitation will come and give their life to Christ which can be done within their heart while sitting on the pew. It is my sincere hope and belief that God's mission was accomplished and all who attended were greatly blessed regardless of the numbers.

Vacation Bible School prepared us by pointing out the disobedience and sins of the Israelites. It further demonstrated God's love and forgiveness for them.

I truly believe that on the last night of revival through the teaching and preaching of Pastor Crews the saints felt God's forgiveness, mercy and grace. We are now ready to DO BATTLE and share it with OTHERS in a greater and more powerful way. Satan will continue to destroy, BUT GOD WILL ALWAYS RESTORE !!

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. (1 John 4:4)

Black History Spotlight



Roy Wilkins
Civil Rights Leader

Roy Wilkins, one of the leading US Civil Rights activists of the twentieth century, was born in St. Louis, Missouri. He enrolled in the University of Minnesota in 1919 and graduated with a degree in Sociology in 1923. Following graduation, he became the editor of several African American newspapers. Although a journalist during the 1920s, Wilkins was hired in 1934 by Walter White as the Assistant Secretary of the NAACP.

In 1955, Wilkins became the Executive Secretary of the NAACP following the death of Walter F. White, and in 1964 became its Executive Director. As leader of the oldest and largest civil rights organization in the nation, Wilkins soon became a key figure in the national protests that became known as the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s. As a popular and eloquent voice for that movement, Wilkins directed the NAACP's fight against de jure and de facto segregation and racial inequality. He played a key role in organizing the 1963 March on Washington which led to the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the Selma to Montgomery March in Alabama which produced the 1965 Voting Rights Act. He also participated in the 1966 March Against Fear in Mississippi following the attempted assassination of James Meredith.

Throughout this period Wilkins was a staunch advocate of legislative reform and nonviolence and consulted with Presidents Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Ford and Carter on civil rights issues. In 1967, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Lyndon Johnson.

Wilkins fiercely opposed the post-1966 militancy of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee and more generally the Black Power Movement. Although Wilkins and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., were often allies during the civil rights era, they were sharply divided over King's criticism of the Vietnam War.

In 1977 Wilkins retired as Executive Director of the NAACP and was succeeded by Dr. Benjamin Hooks. Later that year he was honored by the Association with the title of Director Emeritus.

Roy Wilkins died on September 8, 1981 in New York City. He was 80.

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Saluting Our First Lady...



The Pastor's Wife

*We often hear of Heroes
on the news at night,
How someone went into a fire
To save someone else's life.*

*But, there's another hero
that we never hear about,
Though Her love and dedication
are never in a doubt.*

Often took for granted...

Never glorified,

*Still she keeps on going
for the person by her side.*

*She stands beside him everyday
no matter what ... is thrown their way,*

*For he was called from above
To spread the message of "GOD'S LOVE".*

And just as he was called...

*She was hand picked too.
for it takes someone Special
to do what she must do.*

*And thou he may get the Glory
and he may get the Fame,
She will stand beside him in Love
and Help him just the same.*

*She's the person he turns to
when he needs a friend,
She will always be there till the
"Glorious End".*

*I would like to take this moment
to introduce to you,
a LOVELY unsung Hero for whom
GOD hand-picked to spend Her life
as The Pastor's WIFE.*

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Happy Birthday

to our

August Birthday Celebrities!

*Linzie Atkins, III • Bria Davenport
Lawrence Jones • Regina Carlisle
Joseph Hilliard • Irvin Wooten • Renee Melvin
Michele Davis • Lasheka Wilks • Carlos Best
Linzie Atkins, IV • Raquel Jackson
Joshua Talley • Janella Corley • Sonya Hopson*

Best Wishes For Many More!!

Play Ball, To the Victor Goes You

I have often found myself wrestling with the concepts and the realities of good and evil. If you believe in God and His goodness, power and the righteousness of Jesus Christ, then it follows that you must also believe in Satan and his earthbound inherent 'evilness.' If this is true, then it is the height of ignorance or hypocrisy that we as human beings follow a course of action consistent with one belief and act totally inconsistent with and contrary to that same belief.

We concede to the reality that evil exists. As a matter of fact, our civil laws and subsequent penalties are there to protect us against criminal, abhorrent and, yes, even evil behavior.

Hence, what I am merely recognizing here is that the counterbalance of this fact ought to be a set of behaviors, or at least a set of professed beliefs, that confirm the reality of God, the good stuff.

Unfortunately, it has been my experience - and at times my behavior - that evil demands action, while 'Godness' gets a whole lot of lip service. I believe this is true because with all of our flaws and faults (sinfulness), we've gotten used to functioning in a world somewhat controlled by the evil one.

Christians must recognize that Satan has power in the secular world.

Thanks to him, many of us have become numb to those things that demonstrate

his existence in this world where we temporarily reside. Fortunately, when we come to Christ, we are able to put some perspective on all of this as we begin to see the contrast between good and evil in our own lives. That's when I believe you finally get it.

By putting ourselves in perspective to Christ's ultimate sacrifice, it becomes clear where we fit in this struggle between good and evil. **We** are the ultimate prize.

To the victor goes us.

Fortunately for us, we have some say in the clubhouse celebration. Once you accept the truth of good and evil in the context of God and the devil, the rules of engagement are clear. In this game the ball (us) has a say in who wins the game.

Can you imagine any athletic event where the ball actually participates as an independent active component? Well, the truth is we are that ball in this high-stake game for our very own souls. Imagine that. We can stack the deck in our favor. But it can't be happenstance. It must be deliberate, and we must be constant in making sure that the ball takes favorable bounces throughout the game.

To be sure, with this in mind, Christ has given us the game plan we need to insure victory. "He who believes in me....shall never die." John 11:25-26.

That's it. It's all about belief.

When Jesus says in John 16:8-9, "when He (the Counselor/Holy Spirit) comes, He will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin because men do not believe in me..." He is telling us that the biggest threat to our own salvation is disbelief. You see belief in Christ brings about condemnation of Satan and Satan-like things i.e., evil. It must follow.

Now we are armed and ready for this struggle. We are prepared and fortified against the evil that would destroy us. We now have a reference point for current and future behavior, and we know the rule of engagement because we know the difference between good and evil.

More importantly, we can now recognize our weaknesses in relation to evil and our strengths in relation to good. No contest worth anything is without risks. But for now, let's play and may God forgive your fumbles and bless your recoveries in the name of His Son, Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

May God bless and keep you always.

James Washington
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A Different World!

Traveling abroad to different countries is an opportunity that doesn't come along often for many of us. Recently, Min. Antoinette Daye, Bro. Tony and Sis. Kathy Williams experienced the joys of international travel on a trip that included stops in Madrid, Paris and Rome. The trip was an awesome experience for our Lincoln family members as well as for the other members of their traveling party.



Community Health and Wellness Fair

With a concern for all of God's children that extends beyond the walls of Lincoln, our Health and Wellness Ministry offered a Wellness Fair to the Durham Community. Volunteers from several healthcare related organizations were on site to provide free blood pressure screenings, elder care, information on Medicare and Medicaid as well as other health related topics. Congratulations to our Health and Wellness Ministry for organizing a worthwhile and beneficial event!



To Resolve Conflict, Start With What's Your Fault

"Why do you notice the little piece of dust in your friend's eye, but you don't notice the big piece of wood in your own eye? . . . You hypocrite! First, take the wood out of your own eye. Then you will see clearly to take the dust out of your friend's eye". (Matthew 7:3, 5 NCV)

One of the most important life skills that you have to learn is conflict resolution. If you don't, you're going to spend a lot of your life miserable, because we're imperfect people and we have conflict almost every day of our lives.

If you want to resolve conflict, you're going to have to make the first move. That means you're going to have to ask for God's help, because it takes courage to approach someone you are in conflict with and tell that person you want to sit down and work it out.

Then, you don't start with what the other person has done wrong. You don't start with a bunch of accusations or ways that you've been hurt. You start with what's your fault.

The conflict might be 99.99 percent the other person's fault. But you can always find something to confess! Maybe it was your poor response, even if it came out of defensiveness. Maybe it was your attitude. Maybe it was the way you walked away.

You have weaknesses in your life that others see clearly but you've never seen. Those are your blind spots. You have weaknesses you're clueless about. That's why you need to come to conflict resolution with a humble heart and begin with your own faults.

Jesus said, "Why do you notice the little piece of dust in your friend's eye, but you don't notice the big piece of wood in your own eye? . . . You hypocrite! First, take the wood out of your own eye. Then you will see clearly to take the dust out of your friend's eye". (Matthew 7:3, 5 NCV)

He's saying you need to confess your part of the conflict first. What's the piece of wood in your eye that is keeping you from seeing the situation clearly? Don't start with the other person and all the ways they've hurt you until you've confessed your part of the conflict first.

Did you cause conflict by being insensitive? Or were you overly sensitive? Did you not show compassion for the person who was hurting? Were you being overly demanding? What are your blind spots? Once you figure them out and confess them, you'll be ready for the next step in conflict resolution.

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KIDZ ZONE

-submitted by Sis. Earleen Sharrock



We live in a generation that demands instant gratification; yet, spend hours and hours on things that don't really matter. This can leave us with little to no time to focus on what's important and the stuff that actually needs to get done. The average American spends 94.2 hours per month on social networks, phone, email, and watching television. Think about that—that's almost **four days a month wasted on things that probably have no significant importance.**

If we have to wait too long in a drive thru, we get mad. We get impatient while waiting on our food to come out of the microwave, because when you're craving popcorn, three minutes seem like an excessively long time. Any amount of waiting time at a doctor's office or a restaurant seems unbearable. If situations like this can upset us; surely, we must hate wasting time.

The beginning of a new school year is the perfect time to learn about time management. If you want to actually graduate with grades above D's this year, you're going to have to learn that time management isn't only helpful, it's Biblical!

As with any issue, the first thing we should do is see if the Bible has anything to say about it.

Psalm 90:12 "Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom."

What does it mean to number your days? While we may not know the exact number of days we have to live, we do know that we don't have forever to live on this earth. So, keeping that in mind—that we have a small number of days that make up our life—how do you feel about the way you spend your days? Are you a planner, who takes care of the important things before moving on to do the fun things? Are you a procrastinator, who pushes everything of importance to the last possible minute? Or do you even think about how you spend your time, just letting whatever happens happen? And most importantly: Where does God fit into any of that?

Ephesians 5:15-17 "Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is."

Have you ever had a test that you just didn't study for? You knew it was happening, you knew when it was, you knew what you needed to study for it...and you just didn't? Maybe you didn't because life got in the way of studying, or maybe because your priorities weren't exactly how they should be. Either way, when this happens, there's a common prayer that happens: "God, give me wisdom for this test!"

Did you ever think that maybe God already gave you wisdom for the test? You know--- that test that you knew about. The one where you knew what to study, but just didn't, even though you had the time and resources. Wisdom would have been using the time God gave to you and the brain God gave to you and studying!

This verse says to be careful to live as wise. How does that relate to time management? Look at it this way: how you spend your hours adds up to how you spend your days. How you spend your days adds up to how you spend your life. So if you're spending your days wasting time and

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avoiding what you need to do, that is essentially how you are spending your life. And that is not wise.

This verse also urges us to “make the most of every opportunity...do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.” Do you know the best way to understand what the Lord’s will is? By spending time with Him! By praying and reading the Bible. The more you are spending time with Him, the easier it will be to make the most of every opportunity.

James 4:14 “Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.”

Ouch. That one stings a bit. Your whole life—the one you’re so concerned about, the one filled with good and bad and happy and sad—it’s but a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. In other words your life is just a little blimp in the grand scheme of time. So why not make the absolute most of it?

There’s this idea that to enjoy life, you need to be a free spirit who is spontaneous and goes with the flow, never planning anything. Sure, many people choose to live that way. But the bottom line is this: if you want to make the most out of your life, you can only do that by learning to manage your time.

Whether or not you decide to take charge of your time, it’s going to pass you by anyway. Monday-Friday you are going to go to class, get homework, have exams, write papers. School is going to happen whether you manage your time or not. But if you want to make the most of your education, and you want to live the way the Bible says you should, managing your time in a wise way is a must. So how do you do that?

Here are three simple ways to get the most out of your time:

1. Make God your number one Priority.

No matter how busy you get, no matter how much you have to do, no matter *what*, spending time with God needs to be your number one priority. If that means you have to get up earlier, then wake up earlier. If that means you have to sacrifice something extra, then so be it. This is one choice you will not regret making.

2. Prioritize the things in your life.

Regardless of how you may feel, school is a priority right now. That means that for the school year, classes, tests, papers, and projects come before late night movies and weekends spent doing nothing with your friends. One of the best ways to remember your priorities is to get a planner or a calendar and write down when things are due, when you need to study, etc.

3. Hold yourself accountable.

After you know what your schedule should be, pray over it. Ask God to help you achieve all you need to achieve in the time that you need to achieve it. Ask Him to help you manage your time better. Then, find someone who will hold you accountable to this. Maybe that’s a relative, or maybe it’s another person who’s also trying to manage their time better.

You will learn a lot of new things this school year, and I hope that time management is one of those things. It isn’t just a good skill to have; it’s also a step in the direction of living how God has called us to live. You only live once and you only live for a short time. There are going to be things you have to do, there are going to be things you want to do, and there are going to be things that God calls you to do. It can seem like a lot and can pile up fast. If you’re prepared by having the right mindset—the mindset that knows God has blessed you with this life and you want to make the most of it that you can—this year will be so much better for you.

Heavenly Father, Help me to learn how to establish priorities that please You and reflect your plan for my life. Amen.

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

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