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Etiquette *Please refrain from walking and using the middle aisle during worship service. *Exiting/Entering the sanctuary during prayer and ministry of giving is not permitted. *No food, gum or drink permitted in the sanctuary." *Please silence cell phones." *Please no talking during offertory service *Pray for the Sick, and Shut-in and those in bereavement *Come to Bible Study and hear the speakers on people who had relationships in the Bible

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November 1, 2020

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THE CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the LORD Jesus Christ as our Savior; and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, and the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintance; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just to those in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

AMEN.

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9

Remember to be mindful of the Covid-19 Pandemic. If you are experiencing any symptoms, i.e. coughing, sneezing, etc., or feel ill, please remain at home and get rest. Masks are required and Social Distancing will be enforced.

Announcements:

Responsive Reading today: Exodus 32:1-14

FROM THE PASTOR:

Wednesday Bible Study online at 7 p.m. – **Call In**: 701-802-5360 and **Access Code**: 7817353

Sunday School online on Sunday's at 9:15 a.m. - **Call in**: 978-990-5047 ~ **Access Code** 3312613#

VOLUNTEERS HELP WANTED:

Audio / Visual Assistant ~ Praise Team Members
Staff Support with Setting Up

Those who are seriously interested please see Rev. Jimmy L. Gates, Sr.

FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR.....

"And when day came, He called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles: Simon, whom He named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot, and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor." Luke 6:13-16

Jesus was about to choose His disciples. In one sense, there was nothing in Jesus' three years of ministry before the cross more important than this. These were the men who would carry on what He had done, and without them the work of Jesus would never extend to the whole world. No wonder Jesus gave this critical choice an entire night of prayer. For this was about to be the "Gang Of Twelve"

Jesus was God; yet He did not simply use His infinite knowledge to pick the apostles. Instead, He prayed all night. Like every other struggle Jesus faced, He faced this one as a man; a man who needed to seek the will of His Father and rely on the power of the Holy Spirit just as we do.

I believe one night alone in prayer might make us new men, changed from poverty of soul to spiritual wealth, from trembling to triumphing. The disciples, and the apostles belonged to Jesus. Disciples never belong to any man; they only belong to Jesus. They are His disciples. A disciple was a learner, a student, but in the first century a student did not simply study a subject; he followed a teacher.

Jesus chose twelve apostles because this was the foundation of the new chosen people, and as Israel had twelve tribes Jesus would also have twelve apostles. From among the group of His followers the larger group of disciples, He picked twelve to be apostles. The idea behind the ancient Greek word for apostle is "ambassador." "The Greek word is Apostolos, which means 'sent one'." It describes someone who represents another and has a message from their sender.

Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; James and John; Philip and Bartholomew; Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called the Zealot; Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot who also became a traitor. We really do not know much about most of these men. Peter, James, John, and Judas we know something about. Yet of the other eight, we pretty much only know their name. There are many interesting connections with this group. There are brothers (James and John, Peter and Andrew); business associates (Peter, James, and John were all fishermen); opposing political viewpoints (Matthew the Roman-friendly tax collector, and Simon, the Roman-hating Zealot); and one who would betray Jesus (Judas Iscariot who also became a traitor).

Jesus chose Judas, knowing how he would turn out and become a traitor. Jesus later told His disciples that He chose them, and He knew one of them was a devil. Jesus also had many others to choose from. He chose these twelve from among many others.

Jesus wasn't looking for an edgy person to make scandal or controversy. We read of no other scandal surrounding Judas during Jesus' ministry. The other disciples seemed to do worse things during their three years with Jesus. Jesus chose Judas knowing him and what he would do, but also knowing that God would allow and even use the great evil Judas did for great good, despite the intention of Judas. A man once asked a theologian, "Why did Jesus choose Judas Iscariot to be his disciple?" The teacher replied, "I don't know, but I have an even harder question: Why did Jesus choose you and me?" And I'm soooooo glad He did!!!!!



THANK YOU

Minister Kofi Washington, the Men of Zion Hill, and one of the greatest assets and foundations of the church, spirit-filled dedicated woman.

On behalf of the clergical staff, and the officials of both boards, we thank you for a spirit-filled successful Men Day 2020. Based upon the state of affairs in the world, the Holy Spirit led you to an appropriate theme specifically for a time such as this. When were in not of, but in a world where wrong seems to right, and right is wrong, you reminded us that God rewards people of faith. Paul told Timothy that in the end times trouble would embrace the world, and there was and still is a need to prepare ourselves for the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

For I must remind all of us, "be not weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not"

God Bless You,

Pastor Jimmy L. Gates

To my Zion Hill Family,

I want to sincerely thank you for reaching out with words of encouragement, cards, calls, and your monetary gifts during the month of October which was Pastor's Appreciation month.

The calling of pastoring is a great responsibility, that requires our utmost and undivided attention as we minister to the needs of those whom God has blessed us to lead, especially during these turbulent times. During those ministry moments, we find ourselves with families who have lost loved ones, in medical institutions gravely ill, children consumed with the affairs of the world, and a crisis has infiltrated the family structure, but we must answer those request and often they come at unconventional times of the day, but we respond, why, it's our love for the sheep, and it is our calling. Then on the opposite end of the spectrum we marry, bless babies, and encourage.

As men and women of the gospel, often we are looked at as "perfect" individuals. But we need you to understand that we are "far" from perfect, but collectively we serve a perfect God and we're working towards perfection.

I ask that you continue to pray for the ministry and follow me as I follow Christ.

In Agape Love,

Pastor Jimmy L. Gates