

NOTES FROM THE SERVICE

DATE _____ SPEAKER _____

TEXT _____

SCRIPTURE _____

NOTES FROM THE MESSAGE:

PERSONAL APPLICATION:

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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ORDER OF SERVICE

SUNDAYSCHOOL.....9:15AM.....SIS BEVERLY DURST

.....CALL TO WORSHIP.....

MUSICAL INTERLUDE.....11:30AM.....MUSICIANS

SCRIPTURE.....OFFICERS

PRAYER.....OFFICERS

SELECTION.....

OFFERING.....FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

SELECTION.....

THE SPOKEN WORD.....PASTOR JIMMY L. GATES, SR.

Message: "YOU DON'T KNOW HIM OR ME"

Scripture: JOHN 7:28-38

TIME TO RECIEVE THOSE WHOM THE LORD HAS CALLED..... PULPIT

ALTAR CALL.....PULPIT

BENEDICTION.....PASTOR JIMMY L. GATES, SR.

RECCESIONAL.....LET THE CHURCH SAY AMEN

COMMUNION.....

Announcements:

Responsive Reading today:

John 11:1-16

FROM THE PASTOR:

The Trustees are in the offices on Mondays from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. if you want to drop off your tithes and offerings.

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#

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9



VOLUNTEERS HELP WANTED:

WE'RE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO TAKE OVER OUR AUDIO AND VIDEO MINISTRY.

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

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Each week tens of thousands of diners eat at an Olive Garden or Red Lobster restaurant. Few of these diners know that the CEO heading these largest restaurant chains is a black man. (Note: He was the CEO from 2004 to 2014). **Clarence Otis, Jr.** is the CEO of Darden Restaurants Inc., the largest casual dining operator in the nation. The firm operates nearly 1,400 company-owned restaurants coast to coast serving 300 million meals annually. Darden employs 150,000 workers and has annual revenues of \$6 billion.

Born in Vicksburg, Mississippi, Otis moved to Los Angeles when he was 6 years old. His father was a high school dropout who worked as a janitor. The family lived in Watts at the time of the 1965 riots. In the post-Watts period, Otis recalls being stopped and questioned by police several times a year because of the color of his skin.

A high school guidance counselor recommended him for a scholarship at Williams College, The highly selective liberal arts institution in Massachusetts. Otis graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Williams and went on to earn a law degree at Stanford. Otis landed on Wall

Street as a merger and acquisitions attorney for J.P. Morgan Securities. He joined Darden Restaurants in 1995 as corporate treasurer. He became CEO in 2004.



Clarence Otis, Jr.

FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR.....

“Then Jesus, still teaching in the temple courts, cried out, “Yes, you know me, and you know where I am from. I am not here on my own authority, but he who sent me is true. You do not know him, but I know him because I am from him and he sent me; The Jews said to one another, “Where does this man intend to go that we cannot find him? Will he go where our people live scattered among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks? What did he mean when he said, ‘You will look for me, but you will not find me,’ and ‘Where I am, you cannot come?’”

John 7: 28-29; 35-36

In this chapter we have Christ’s declining for some time to appear publicly in Judea. His design to go up to Jerusalem at the feast of tabernacles, and his discourse with his kindred in Galilee concerning his going up to this feast. We also have Christ preaching publicly in the temple at that feast. But then in the midst of the feast, we have Jesus discourse with the Jews, concerning His doctrine, and that concern the crime of sabbath-breaking laid to His charge. Regarding Himself, both from whence He came and whither He was going, but on the last day of the feast, Christ gave a gracious invitation to poor souls to come to Him.

The reason given why Christ spent more of his time in Galilee than in Judea is because the Jews, the people in Judea and Jerusalem, sought to kill him, for curing the impotent man on the sabbath day. They thought to be the death of him, either by a popular tumult or by a legal prosecution, in consideration of which he kept at a distance in another part of the country, very much out of the lines of Jerusalem’s communication. It is not said, He durst not, but He would not, walk in Jewry; it was not

through fear and cowardice that he declined it, but in prudence, because his hour was not yet come.

The providence of God casts persons of merit into places of obscurity and little note, it must not be thought strange; it was the lot of our Master himself. He who was fit to have sat in the highest of Moses’s seats willingly walked in Galilee among the ordinary sort of people. Observe, He did not sit still in Galilee, nor bury himself alive there, but walked; he went about doing good. When we cannot do what and where we would, we must do what and where we can.

Every faithful minister may humbly adopt Christ’s words. His doctrine is not his own finding out, but is from God’s word, through the teaching of his Spirit. And amidst the disputes which disturb the world, if any man, of any nation, seeks to do the will of God, he shall know whether the doctrine is of God, or whether men speak of themselves. Only those who hate the truth shall be given up to errors which will be fatal. Surely it was as agreeable to the design of the sabbath to restore health to the afflicted, as to administer an outward rite. Jesus told them to decide on his conduct according to the spiritual import of the Divine law. We must not judge concerning any by their outward appearance, but by their worth, and by the gifts and graces of God’s Spirit in them.

The discourses of Jesus convinced many that he was the Messiah; but they had not courage to own it. It is comfort to those who are in the world, but not of it, and therefore are hated by it and weary of it, that they shall not be in it always, that they shall not be in it long. Our days being evil, it is well they are few. The days of life and of grace do not last long; and sinners, when in misery, will be glad of the help they now despise. Men dispute about such sayings, but the event will explain them. That is why Jesus stated, “YOU DON’T KNOW HIM OR ME”