Choosing God's Way

Jesus went a little farther and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, "O my Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will. (Matthew 26:39)

Greetings Mt. P family and friends; and Happy Resurrection Sunday! I pray this season of fasting and prayer has been sparked a revival of the mind, body, soul, and spirit. As we move into Pentecost (June 8), when we celebrate the descent of the Comforter, Holy Spirit on the Church, we ask Holy Spirit to cause us to be mindful of going a little farther.

In Matthew 26:39 Jesus knew what his heavenly Father wanted him to do. The primary purpose of his time on earth was to sacrifice his life to save others. The time was drawing near when that purpose would be fulfilled. Jesus did what he always did when faced with a stressful situation. He prayed.

Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane reveals the internal struggle he was facing. Throughout the Bible, the phrase *God's cup* figuratively holds either blessings or punishment. The cup before Jesus held the punishment the entire world deserved – separation from God. When Jesus asked God to remove "this cup," he was not wrestling with what God wanted him to accomplish. If Jesus wanted to avoid arrest, all he had to do was go into hiding. During the Passover season, Jerusalem was filled with pilgrims. Therefore, Jesus could have easily avoided his familiar routines and blended in with the crowd. Yet, he went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray, as he was known to do.

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April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Bible Class – 11 AM	2 Noon Day Service- 12N Church School – 6:00 PM Exercise & Activity -6:35 PM Midweek Service 7:00 PM Guest: Pastor Joseph Moore	3 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM	4	5 HYPEinc (Helping young people emerge in Christ) 6pm
6	7	8 Bible Class – 11 AM	9 Noon Day Service- 12N Church School – 6:00 PM Exercise & Activity -6:35 PM Midweek Service 7:00 PM	10 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM	11	12 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 9 AM Location: Youth Building
13 Palm Sunday Hosanna in the Highest	14 Women in the Word & Men on the Move 6:30 PM WITW Zoom Meeting ID 2631685785 / PW 2045 MOTM Zoom Meeting ID 81116094314/ PW 930119	15 Hour of Prayer 6:30 PM	16 Noon Day Service- 12N Church School – 6:00 PM Exercise & Activity -6:35 PM Easter Program 7:00 PM	17 Tidewater District Maundy Thursday 7pm	18 GOOD FRIDAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Seven Last Sayings 7pm	19 Choir Rehearsal 10 AM
20 Resurrection Sunday Attire: WHITE OUT	21 Deacon's Meeting 7PM	22 Bible Class – 11 AM	23 Noon Day Service- 12N Church School – 6:00 PM Exercise & Activity -6:35 PM Midweek Service 7:00 PM	24 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM	25	26
27 Mt. P@ First Baptist Church Keysville in Augusta, GA 10AM Regular service times for those remaining in Norfolk	28 Ministry Council 6:30PM	29 Bible Class – 11 AM	30 Noon Day Service- 12N Church School – 6:00 PM Exercise & Activity -6:35 PM Midweek Service 7:00 PM	Additional Event: April 16 th the Ladies Auxiliary will host young ladies ages 8-17 to the Black Museum @ Hampton University. This is free, and transportation will be provided. Departure will be from the church promptly 10am		

Autism Awareness Month is an opportunity to recognize and support individuals on the autism spectrum. Autism, or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), is a developmental condition that affects communication, behavior, and social interactions in diverse ways. People with autism often experience the world uniquely, leading to different strengths and challenges.

Raising awareness helps reduce stigma, promotes acceptance, and fosters inclusivity. It's essential to understand that autism is a spectrum, meaning each individual has a distinct experience, with varying abilities and needs. Many individuals with autism have remarkable skills, creativity, and talents that enrich our communities.

By learning more about autism and supporting neurodiversity, we can create environments where everyone, regardless of their differences, feels valued and included. Whether through education, advocacy, or simply showing kindness and understanding, we can make a significant difference in the lives of those with autism and their families.

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In the garden, Jesus asked God to revise his plans. Jesus felt free to ask for what he wanted, but willingly accepted God's answer, whatever it would be. When you want to know what God wants you to do, follow Jesus' example. Be honest about your hopes and desires. Then act on God's answer, even if it takes you in a different direction from where you want to go. God sees the big picture. We can only see a fragment. You can trust him to lead you where you need to go.

God may ask you to do difficult things. Feel free to ask him to provide another way. Just remember that his answer may be to provide the strength you need to move ahead as planned; the strength to go a little farther. May the blessings of the Lord abound and keep you all! Choose God's way.

Peace & Blessings!

For His Service, *Overseer D*.





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