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Sunday, January 7, 2024 – Time - 10:00 a.m.

Church Vision for 2024: "See God's Love"

**Scripture:** "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16 NKJV

Church School Lesson: ."Faith and Righteousness" Lesson Text: Hebrews 11:1-4A, 7A, 8, 17-18, 20-23, 32, 39-40 Key Text: "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1 Happy Birthday!! - Tymir Banks, Bro. Gerald Samuels, Sis. Deb Roberts & Sis. Martha Woods

Summary of the Lesson ~ Hebrews 11:1 defines faith like this: "Now faith is what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." What does this mean and is it part of your makeup? Faith emphasized in the lesson is the response to the eternal rewards God has promised. As a Christian, the ultimate hope is not in anything in the present, visible world. Rather, our hope is in the unseen eternal reality vet to come. Several portraits of faith are used to illustrate this. Check out the names of the people used to illustrate this "faith": Abel and Cain; Noah; Abraham; Isaac; Jacob; Joseph; Moses; Gideon, Barak, Samson; Jephthah; and David. I'm sure you know enough about these people to know they are people with flaws, imperfect. Among them are murderers, liars, manipulators, and deceivers. Yet, "These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised." (Hebrews 11:39). They lived with only a promise and a hope, while we live with the cross and resurrection as accomplished facts. Because we have the Word, we are privileged to see much more of God's plan fulfilled. There are times when we must make decisions without being able to see their results. Faith is necessary to understand things that are real but cannot be observed, such as God's creating the universe. It is not "blind faith", which is a belief in something without evidence to support that belief. Faith talked about here is based on evidence; God's holy character and limitless power established many times over. We can trust that His account of the creation of the universe; the world – unseen by humans – is true. That kind of faith is based on evidence, not blind faith. Faith-based decision is based on believing the promises of God and determining to do what God has called you to do, regardless of how it might look in your eyes or the eyes of others. Being able to step out on faith is not always easy; it may not look good or feel good. In the Scripture, we are assured that God does not forsake His children nor stop loving them and we must believe His Word to be true and trustworthy. Yet there are times when we struggle with decisions and other issues of life; especially when we have called out to God as sincerely as we know how, and it seems that we're all alone. Well, one can find peace and encouragement in knowing what God has done in the past; when we can see God's delivering power; by reflecting on the fact that God is a wonderful and faithful God. The call to step out on faith can be faced with confidence when we remind ourselves of what He has already done in our lives and that He always leads us rightly as we trust Him. He speaks to His faithful children in ways that we might not expect. One of the outstanding provisions of Christ is His willingness to be involved in the lives of those who will submit to Him through believing upon Him as their Savior, Patiently wait to see what God wants us to see. Even amid life's frustrations. His plans are always perfect. even if we are not. Be thankful for the hope that the promise of God brings to all who put their faith and trust in Him. Called out of your comfort zone? What do you do? Keep up the courage, maintain the faith, and continue to believe God's Word. What He's done for others, He will do for you. Trust and believe. His Word never fails. Amen.

Sunday Worship Webinar: https://zoom.us/i/93197056304 - Webinar ID: 931 9705 6304 -

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Bible Study, Meetings, Church School & Special Services - Join Zoom Meeting: https://zoom.us/j/99882887220 -

Meeting ID: 998 8288 7220 Mobile +1 (301) 715-8592 then dial 998 8288 7220#

ANNOUNCEMENTS - "Virtual Bible Study" - Tuesdays @ 7:30p - All are Welcome!

**TODAY - Sis. Lydia Goodman** - would like to meet with the youth after the morning service.

Sun., Feb. 11th - The YPD will celebrate their Annual Day during the morning worship service. Rev. William Gary, Enoc Baptist Church is the preacher.

Sunday, Feb. 18th @ 3:00p, "Annual Lay Day 2024", The Rev. Jacqui Pinkney, pastor of Bethlehem AMEC is the preacher. Lunch will be served after the morning service. All are welcome.

The sign-up sheet is in the rear of the sanctuary to request a tax statement (financial giving) for 2023. Sat., Jan. 20th @ 3:00 p.m. "Zoom Church School" All are welcome. Via our Zoom line.

"He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

order of Service

Psalm 91:1 NKIV

Call To Worship - Please see INSERT

Opening Hymn - "I know it was the Blood"

- 1) I know it was the blood, I know it was the blood for me. (Refrain)
- 2) They whipped Him all night long, They whipped Him all night long, They whipped Him all night long for me. [Refrain]
- 3) They pierced Him in His side, They pierced Him in His side, They pierced Him in His side for me. [Refrain]
- 4) He never said a mumblin' word, He never said a mumblin' word, He never said a mumblin' word for me. [Refrain]
- 5)He hung His head and died, He hung His head and died, He hung His head and died for me. [Refrain]
- 6 He's coming back again, He's coming back again, He's coming back again for me. [Refrain]

Refrain: One day when I was lost He died upon the cross. I know it was the blood for me.

Prayer Prayer Response

Worship through Music

Declaration Brother Robert Love - This is my Bible. I am what it says I am. I can have what it says I can have. I can do what it says I can do. Today I will be taught the word of God. My mind is alert. My heart is receptive. I'll never be the same again. In Jesus' name. Amen 16H21

Reading of the Will-

Old Testament - Genesis 12: 1-9 New Testament - Romans 5: 6-9 The Gospel - John 3:1-8

Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty Gloria Patri - "Glory Be To The Father"

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Louis P. Attles, Pastor

Invitational

Giving of our Tithes/Offering

The Pastor's Word/Announcements

Communion Administered "The Lord's Supper"

General Confession – (Please see INSERT)

Communion Administered

Benediction "Reach out and Touch Somebody's Hand"

Bro. Bobby Sewell, Brett Patterson's brother and Natasha's brother-in-law, Bryan Patterson. He is in the hospital for diabetes and heart emergencies, Bro. Carl Rollins and Sis. Maggie Bullard at home healing, Our country, Our youth and senior citizens, Bro. Leroy Williams, husband of Sis. Debbie Williams,, Sister Lottie Chisholm's mother, Lula King, Tuwana Jones, niece of Sis. Mary & Keith English, Rev., Dr. & Mrs. Melvin D. Wayns, Sis. Deb Williams' Mom & Dad, Bro. Bill Walker, Brother of Sis. Wanda Samuels, and All those who have family members and friends who are sick and have lost loved ones.

All those who have Birthdays or Anniversaries in the Month of Jan.,

January - Tymir Banks 4th Malinda Miller 4th Natasha Patterson 5th Paris Graves Jeannette Congleton 8th Gerald Samuels 11th Robert Sewell Sr. 11th Robyn Manley 12th Robert Sewell Jr. 16th **Ebony Barrier** 15<sup>th</sup> Josea Martinez 15<sup>th</sup> Diane A. Davis 25<sup>th</sup> Willie Johnson Deborah Roberts 26th Martha Woods

Happy Anniversary = January - Gerald & Wanda Samuels 3rd - 23 years Bobby & Jackie Sewell 19th - 49 year

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