



Lamott African Methodist Episcopal Church

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PROVERBS 31:28

Sunday, May 12, 2024- 10:00 a.m.

Church School Lesson: "Counted As Righteous" **Lesson Text:** Romans 4:13-25 **Key Text:** "Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, 21 being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised." Romans 4:20-21 **Happy Birthday Kae den & Kaelen Banks**

Summary of the Lesson A promise is a declaration that something will or will not be done or given. We make promises all the time. In marriage, we promise to love, honor, and obey. With mortgages, we promise to pay the designated amounts. We can find all kinds of reasons to justify why we can't keep the promise we make. And, yes, we sometimes make promises that are not intended to be kept. The promise you make says something about you. The promise that is kept says even more. God, however, is faithful to keep His promise. This lesson speaks of the faith of Abraham and the promise God made to him. The Bible is a record of faith. It is written and transmitted by those who have been inspired by God to see His judging and saving presence. Some may see only outward events. Faith sees God at work. Paul's message to the church in Rome is, whether one is Jewish or Gentile, ALL have sinned and have come short of the glory of God. God has provided a more excellent way to experience God's presence, and that is the faith through the Jesus Christ, the Son of God: to the Jews who should know better because God had given them the Law.; to the Gentiles, a people who confuse the things God created with the Creator Himself. Neither group recognized the sin within themselves. As church folk we should recognize, sinners that we are, not to get self-righteous as to view ourselves against others. Paul lifts the example of Abraham to illustrate the trust and obedience to the call of God; to leave his comfort zone and go to a place where God directed. The promise of the inheritance of Canaan pre-dates the Law of Moses. God promised not only the land but also blessings for him and his family in generations to come. Faith, which might be defined as trust in God and His ability and intention to keep His promises, can characterize any person, not only those who were given the Law. For God is the God of all, both Jews and Gentiles. The relationship between God and humans rests on something deeper than the Law, the thing that has characterized one group but not the other. That deeper reality is faith in Jesus. God chooses to credit us with righteousness when we come to Him through such faith. Through the righteousness that only comes from God's gift to us, we also stand to inherit the world as promised to Abraham. The time between Abraham's calling and the birth, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus, we can find preparations taking place at many points in time that allowed things to come together just as God intended. God counts us as righteous when we, like Abraham, trust the promises of redemption and live accordingly. We are not righteous because of the good we do or the evil we avoid, but because God acknowledges us as loyal to Him, staking all our hopes on His promises. His offer of salvation extends to all because sin has wrecked us all. We stand together in both our needs and our hopes. This unity of humanity may show itself in different ways. We might wallow together in our sin, growing increasingly hostile to each other and sacrificing our common humanity on the altar of greed, envy, pride, and hatred (think long and hard about where we are as a people in 2024). Or we might acknowledge our need, trust in God's mercy, and so join in a community built on such a faith. The choice belongs to us. We are saved not on our own merits, but because of God's mercy. The promise of God for each of us is sure and true. Time validates His promise. Do you have enough faith to wait for it? Amen.

Sunday Worship Webinar: <https://zoom.us/j/93197056304> -

Webinar ID: 931 9705 6304 – Dial in +1 (646) 931-3860 - **Then dial** 931 9705 6304 #

Bible Study, Meetings, & 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# **passcode 1505**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY All are welcome to come downstairs to Sewell Hall and have **lunch with the Mothers.**

May 13th-19th "The 208th Session of the Phila Annual Conference" -- will convene at Mother Bethel. (see insert)

Tues, May 14th - "Virtual Bible Study" is **CANCELLED** – because of Annual Conf.

Sunday, May 19th – The Stewardess Board will meet after the morning service.

Sun., June 9th- The Stewardess Board will celebrate their Annual Day – during the morning service, **"The Church Campaign"** has begun, all members are asked to give \$100 in support of the Ministry.

In Person Church School @ 9:00 a.m. - Every Sunday. **All are welcome.**

Happy Mother's Day

Worship Leader – Brother Gerald Samuels

Scripture of the Month:

Order of Service

"You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day, Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday." Psalms 91:5-6

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on themes from Psalm 139)

L: We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing God, who, like a mother, knows us intimately, P: loves us unconditionally, teaches us the way we should go, and comforts us in times of need.

All: Praise God, the Source and Sustainer of life! Let's worship together!

OPENING HYMN "Yes God is Real"

1) There are some things I may not know, there are some places I can't go; but I am sure of this one thing, that God is real for I can feel Him deep within. Refrain

3) I cannot tell just how you felt when Jesus took your sins away. But since that day, yes since that hour, God has been real, for I can feel his holy power.

Refrain: Yes God is real, real in my soul Yes, God is real for he has washed and made me whole. His love for me is like pure gold, Yes, God is real for I can feel him in my soul

*PRAYER Little Brother Tymir Banks

*PRAYER RESPONSE

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC Josea Martine (Trumpet), Alsatia Malcolm Johnson (Flute)

POEM Little Sister Kaelen Banks

DECLARATION Brother George Roberts - 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

*READING OF THE WILL

Old Testament 2nd Kings 20:6-11 Little Brother Jacob Manley

New Testament James 5:13-18 Sister O'Jetta Crowell

The Gospel Matthew 14:13-21 Little Brother Kaden Banks

*DECALOGUE "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

Gloria Patri - "Glory Be To The Father"

INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER Brother John Alcorn

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC Sister London Graves

*SERMON Bishop Curtis Miller

Pastor Emeritus Paradise Emmanuel Tabernacle Baptist Church

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THE PASTOR'S WORD/ANNOUNCEMENTS & RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

IN HONOR OF MOTHERS Tori Lim, Serenity Sumner, Cayden Bradley, & Solana Martinez

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MOTHERS - Sister Deborah Roberts

PRESENTATION OF MOTHER DAY'S GIFTS

BENEDICTION "Reach out and Touch Somebody's Hand"

Prayer Request Sister Deborah Williams and Family on the passing of her mother, Sis. Phyllis Bundy, Evangelist Ernestine Johnson and family on the passing of her Mother-in-Law, Sis. Barbara Johnson, Manjula Jefpoul sister of Anirha Jefpoul, Sis. Mary English, Sis. Lil Mellerson, Sis. Linda Floyd's Sis. in Christ, Toya Johnson, Sis. Virginia Braxton, Sis. of Sis. Jackie Sewell, Sis. Maggie Bullard, Family Healing and Unity, Bro. Leroy Williams, husband of Sis. Debbie Williams, Sis. O'Jetta Crowell's Brother - Brewington W. Crowell ESQ, and her Sister Dr. Elva L. Crowell, Sis. Lottie Chisholm's mother, Lula King, Rev., Dr. & Mrs. Melvin D. Wayns, Sis. Deb Williams' Dad, family members and friends who are sick and have lost loved ones. Birthdays or Anniversaries in May.



Ava Valentine-Hinton 1st London Graves 4th Charlotte Covington 19th John Alcorn 19th
Katrina Lowman 19th Kaeden Banks 25th Kaelen Banks 25th David Bullard 25th
Anthony & Linda Floyd 3rd - 33 years Deborah & Leroy Williams - 27th - 46 years

