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'TODAY WE LIGHT
THE SECOND CANDLE OF ADVENT'

Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023 - Time - 10:00 a.m.

Peace

Stewards Board Annual Day

Church School Lesson: "The Faith of David" Lesson Text: 1st Samuel 17:31-37,45, 48-50

Key Text: "The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of the Philistine." 1st Samuel 17:37A

Summary of the Lesson: Each of us is aware of bullying that takes place on all levels of society: social; political; and economic. The aim is to incite fear and panic. Social media platforms allow people to remain anonymous but with the ability to spew hurt, harm and danger. Life brings us many encounters, real or imaginary, true or distorted; fear and panic is the human response. Such response is not part of God's plan for His children. Fear and panic is contagious and spread to others as in our lesson today. Deuteronomy 17 gives us a picture of that fear and panic. The scene is the battle between Saul's army, positioned on a hill; the Philistine's army, positioned on the opposite hill; a valley in between the two. Who steps out but the big bully, trash-talking Goliath, daring anyone from Saul's army to engage in one-on-one combat. The scriptures describe Goliath as no ordinary man: almost 10 feet tall; wearing a bronze helmet; more than 100 pounds of armor; shin guards; spear tip weighed more than fifteen pounds; brash enough to call out the dare to Saul's army. Goliath was a frightening sight, to say the least! In comes David, the shepherd boy; the youngest of the sons of Jesse; not old enough to join the army with his brothers. David went back and forth between tending to Saul to tending his father's sheep. For 40 days a stand-off continued between the two armies. Each day Goliath continued his bullying and trash-talk. No one dared to take the stand against Goliath, not even for the prize Saul would offer if they won. The risk was too great. When David expressed an interest in Goliath's defeat, everyone thought he was crazy; too inexperienced; too young. His brothers were angry at the thought. David had something that no one in Saul's army had - faith and courage. Goliath made fun of David, this mere boy. Just who does he think he is coming against me? David's faith in God had rescued him in the face of the lion and the bear that tried to ravage the sheep he tended. Surely, he believed, God would rescue him in the fight against Goliath. With the confidence that can only come from outside oneself, David armed himself with just five smooth stones and a sling. He didn't need armor. He didn't need a sword. He didn't need a spear. In the face of a giant, Goliath, David says, "you come against me with the sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, who you have defied." David had the assurance in the fact that his Lord, the God of Israel, was the God over all things. This is the same God whom Goliath had defied. It was David standing against the giant. It was David who won over that Philistine with a sling and stones; without a sword in his hand, he struck and killed Goliath. Each of us encounter "giants" in our lives. What can we do to help us overcome the temptation to let fear overtake us and even affect the lives of those around us? For starters we can remember and apply the words of Deuteronomy 20:4, "For the Lord your God is the One Who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies and to give you victory." While most of the enemies we encounter are not those with flesh and blood, they are every bit as real and fierce and destructive. We need God's presence to fight for us in those battles as surely as the armies of Moses' day needed God to go to the battlefield on their behalf. The words of Jesus Christ to His disciples, as they faced a season of panic and fear upon the realization that He would soon go to the cross and die, are powerfully needed in our times of panic, fear, and uncertainty: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in Me." (John 14:1). Faith and responsibility are key aspects of walking with God. Faith is our decision to follow the Lord, and responsibility is how we live out our faith on this earth. There can be no doubt whom you serve. David stepped out in the confidence of God. Can you? 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, 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#

TODAY - Those in the Church School play, there will be a quick rehearsal after the morning service.

TODAY- "We celebrate our Pastor's Birthday" All are welcome to come downstairs after the morning service, sponsored by the Pastor's Aid.

Sun, Dec. 17th - The Church School will present the play "Teach the Children" during the morning service.

Sun., Dec. 17th - "Fellowship Sunday" all clubs, organizations and church family prepare your gifts and cards. Lunch will be served following the morning service.

Sun., Dec. 24th @ 7:00 p.m. - "Christmas Eve Hour of Power Service" via our Zoom Line.

Sun., Dec. 31st @ 7:00 p.m. - "New Year's Eve Hour of Power Service" - via our Zoom line:

Bible Study is CANCELLED - Dec. 26th & Jan., 2nd.



The Christmas Card box is in the rear of Sanctuary. - deposit cards for the church family
Cards will be distributed the 3rd & 4th Sunday in Dec.



Worship leader ~ Brother Robert Love Jr.

Scripture of the Month: "If you can't?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes."

Mark 9:23 NIV

Order of Service

Call To Worship –

- L:** The people who once lived in darkness have been given a great light!
- P:** Praise be to God who has heard our cries. Our souls sing out God's praise!
- L:** God has brought us a light of Hope and Peace.
- P:** Today, in this place, the Light of God's Love is given to us!
- A:** And we shall see that light and let it shine through our lives. Amen.



Opening Hymn – "To God Be the Glory"

- (1) To God be the glory great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded his life, an atonement for sin, and opened the life gate that all may go in.
 - (2) Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; But purer and higher and greater will be Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.
- CHORUS:** Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus, the Son, and give Him the glory great things He hath done!

Prayer  Sister Martha Woods

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

Reading of the Will- Old Testament: Deuteronomy 18:14-22 - Sister Robyn Manley
New Testament Galatians 4:1-7 - Sister Deborah Roberts The Gospel - Luke 1:26-38 - Evangelist Ernestine Johnson

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

Worship through Music

Sermon Evangelist Ernestine Johnson

Invitational

Giving of our Tithes/Offering

The Pastor's Word/Announcements

2ndst Sunday of Advent Presentation Sister Lydia Goodman

Prayer of Rededication Rev. Dr. Louis P. Attles, Pastor

Benediction "Reach out and Touch Somebody's Hand"

The Month of December:
Focus or Theme: Encouraged people to celebrate the savior
Purpose: Celebrate what God did
Skill: Celebrate the Life God has given you

Bro. Carl Rollins at home healing, Sis. Hester Alcorn, Sister of Charlotte & John Alcorn, Sis. Maggie Bullard at home healing, Our country, Our youth, 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 Dec.,**

Happy Birthday December = Pastor Attles - Dec. 7th

Happy Anniversary – December - Natasha & Brett Patterson 31st - 13 years 

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