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Sunday, April 7, 2024- 10:00 a.m.



Church School Lesson: “Faith of the Persistent” Lesson Text: Luke 5:17-26 Key Text.

“Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. 19 When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.” Luke 5:18-19

Summary of the Lesson The lesson’s title includes the word “persistent”. That word describes one who continues steadily or firmly in some state, purpose, or course of action. It can be viewed positively or negatively. Positively, it is one who doesn’t give in, give up or give out. Negatively, it is one who is stubborn, unable, or unwilling to see, do, or hear the right thing. This lesson describes persistence at work and it also gives us a picture of what true friendship looks like. Think about “friends” for a minute. On social media, the number of “friends” can number in the thousands. Is it possible to be “friends” with someone you’ve never met in person? To be sure social media “friends” can be deceiving. Some may even be criminals, hiding behind some fictitious names waiting to hook up with you, or exposing you to misinformation or disinformation that is not fruitful to your mental or spiritual well-being. The bottom line is one can have only a few true “thru thick and thin” friends in this life. The rest are acquaintances. In the lesson today, the Spirit of God is at work through the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus. Most of the people have come from miles around and are drawn to Him because of His power and authority. Some of the religious leaders are drawn to Him because of ulterior motives –to entrap Him. They want this growing crowd stopped. They want to see and hear what it is that draws so many people wherever He goes. The Scripture tells us about a man who was paralyzed. He was unable to get to Jesus without assistance because of physical disability. His friends wanted to “. . . lay him before Jesus.” The house was crowded with people who had come to see and hear Him to be saved, delivered, healed of and from whatever ailed them. The friends could not get into the house. The Scripture says, “when they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.” (v19). That is faith and persistence in action! What could have been seen as a terrible inconvenience meant the friends had to find another way to get to Jesus. What kept them from pressing into God’s presence was not material in nature, but spiritual; they were not things made of wood, brick and other materials but it had to do with their attitudes, faith and their determination. Obstacles can be thought of in two ways: (1) they can keep us from where we’re not supposed to go; or (2) they can help us in our spiritual advancement. Jesus saw the faith of the friends and the disabled man and He pronounced, “friend, your sins are forgiven.” (v.20b). Remember, I said there were some folks in that house with ulterior motives? They said only God can forgive sins. Who does this Jesus think He is? What He is doing is blasphemous, they said. The songwriter says, “everybody don’t know who Jesus is” and the naysayers certainly didn’t. The true friends who refused to give up helping the disabled get to Jesus is a lesson for us in faith and persistence. While we can’t see faith or the lack thereof the way Jesus can, we can certainly see the evidence of faith in one’s actions or inactions. What the crowd saw that day was the actions of men. Jesus saw in both the heart and action. Jesus had only to speak a word and He had both the power and authority to do so. The disabled man got up and walked! The people’s response - praise and worship! The men who carried the disabled man to Jesus, despite the obstacles, were true friends. Can you be that kind of friend to someone, dedicating your time and resources to help someone in need? The Book of James tells us, “But someone will say, you have faith, and I have **works. Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.**” 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# **passcode 1505**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Virtual Bible Study” Tuesdays @ 7:30PM All are Welcome.

Zoom Bible Study New Passcode - 1505

TODAY– The **Stewardess Board** will meet after the morning service.

In Person Church School @ 9:00 a.m. starting Sun., April 14th every 2nd 3rd & 4th Sunday. **All are welcome.**

Sun., Apr. 28th – “Evangelism Day” more info to come.

Sun., May 12th is **“Mother’s Day”** please bring a family group picture that will be posted on the board in Sewell Hall. Please give the picture to Sis. Goodman or Sis. Deb Roberts. She would like all pictures by **Sun., May 5th**.

“The Church Campaign” has begun, all members are asked to give \$100 in support of the Ministry.

Do This
in
Remembrance
of Me

Order of Service

Sunday, April 7, 2024- 10:00 a.m.

Scripture of the Month:

"Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler And from the perilous pestilence." Psalm 91:3 NKJV

***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, I know it was the blood for me.

4) He never said a mumblin' word, He never said a mumblin' word,, He never said a mumblin' word for me. (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

***READING OF THE WILL**

Old Testament

Exodus 17:8-16

New Testament

1st Peter 4:11-19

The Gospel

John 16:1-4

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

Gloria Patri - "Glory Be To The Father"

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

***SERMON**

Rev. Dr. Louis P. Attles, Pastor

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THE PASTOR'S WORD/ANNOUNCEMENTS & RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

General Confession (see insert)

Communion Administered "The Lord's Supper"

BENEDICTION "Reach out and Touch Somebody's Hand"



***WORSHIPPERS Are Asked To Refrain From Entering In The Sanctuary at These Times.**



Sis. Natasha Patterson's Aunt Doreen Black, 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 Crowwell's Brother - Brewington W. Crowwell ESQ, and her Sister Dr. Elva L. Crowwell, Sis. Lottie Chisholm's mother, Lula King, Rev., Dr. & Mrs. Melvin D. Wayns, Sis. Deb Williams' Mom & Dad, family members and friends who are sick and have lost loved ones. **Birthdays or Anniversaries in April.**



April

Deborah Williams	6 th	O'Jetta Crowwell	11 th	Khari Jefferson	17 th	Roy Moore	19 th
Alyssa Ruth Ridley	24 th	Jacob Manley	27 th	Sis. Kelly Attles	30 th		

