

A man's mind plans  
his way [as he  
journeys through  
life], But the LORD  
directs his steps and  
establishes them.  
PROVERBS 16:9

**CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON:** "The Love of God" Scripture Reading: 1 John 3:1-10 Key Verse: "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him." 1 John 3:1 **Happy Birthday! Sister Wanda Samuels** 😊

**SUMMARY OF THE LESSON:**

The Letters of John: 1, 2, and 3 are attributed to John "the disciple whom Jesus loved"; one of the twelve disciples and along with Peter and John's brother, James, was considered one of Jesus' closest followers. The emphasis of the lesson text is the great love that God has for humanity. It is a love that nothing that humanity could do to deserve God's love. Nevertheless, God showed His love by sending His only Son, Jesus Christ to earth for our sins. Jesus Christ came to do what we could never do for ourselves; to provide forgiveness of our sins and the promise of everlasting life. When people demonstrate faith in Jesus, they become 'children of God', the adoption of which happens through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. Calling ourselves believers means that we accept the Message of God; faith in Jesus Christ; obedient response to God's commands; and love for God and others from the heart. The early church had its problems from within and from the outside. The infiltration of different ideas about 'special knowledge' as a means of attaining salvation contrary to the Message from God. Apparently, there were varying ideas about who Jesus was: body and/or spirit. John's response to the false teachings, "Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose, the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil." (1 John 3:7,8). John can say who Jesus was because he was a witness to His life and death. John walked with Jesus; heard Him speak and saw what He could do. John's Letters are intended to remind the believers not to fall prey to any word, or ideas contrary to the Message that they have accepted by faith; to protect them from false teachers; that even if they do sin, forgiveness is available. John's Letters: 1, 2, 3 were written so that the believer might know they had eternal life; that they believe in the name of the Son of God; that they might avoid destructive beliefs and behaviors to which some had fallen prey; that they might love one another. Be reminded, of all the instructions given in the Law of Moses, two stand out very clearly: love God; love your neighbor. It remains extremely important for believers under the New Covenant. We have witnessed certain groups of believers who embraced, and prayed for, the 2020 presidential candidate's agenda of discrimination, oppression, the exclusion of certain groups from equal opportunity, the dismantling of the health care system and education. We are living in chaotic times. We see the dangers of sin play out in real time and they are not hidden. We are witnesses to a time when society, even those who profess faith, appear to ignore the need for God; some may even deny His existence. We can, however, rest assured and remember the examples of the faith of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; the messages of hope from the prophets like Isaiah and Jeremiah; that what God has done in the past, He will do in the present and future. God is still in control even when we feel disappointed, frustrated, or confused. The writer of Proverbs wisely says, "Many are the plans in man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." (Proverbs 19:21). "See what great love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God!" (1 John 3:1a). Act like it! Challenge accepted: love God; love your neighbor. "What's love got to do with it?" It is not enough to know this. It is extremely important that you do this. **PRACTICE WHAT YOU PREACH! Amen.**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS** –

**BIBLE STUDY IS CANCELLED** – the month of **AUGUST** we will resume on **Tues. Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:30 p.m.**

**Church School** will resume on **Sunday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m.**

**Sat., Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> "COMMUNITY DAY"** more info to come.

**Sun., Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>** – Elder Stanley Hearst will be here to hold our **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Conf.** after the morning service.

**Sat. Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>** @ 12noon -**The Phila. Conference Lay Organization "Unsung Hero Awards Luncheon"** will be held at the Springfield Country Club, 400 W. Sproul Rd, Springfield, Pa., **Bro David Goodman** is the Unsung Hero from LaMott.

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**Sunday, August 11, 2024**

Colossians 3:17

And whatsoever ye do in word  
or deed, do all in the Name of  
the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to  
God and the Father by Him.

**God Our Father, Christ Our Redeemer, the Holy Spirit Our Comforter, Humankind Our Family**

**Order of Service**

**Scripture of the Month:** "No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;

For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways." Psalm 91:10-11 NKJV

## CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Isaiah 44)

**L:** Come and worship, all you who love and serve the Lord: There is no one like our God!

The First and Last- the only One: There is no one like our God! Creator, Sustainer, Redeemer and King:

**P:** There is no one like our God! The Rock in whom we place our trust: There is no one like our God!

**All:** Let's worship God together.

## OPENING HYMN

**"What Fellowship What a Joy Divine"**

**1)** What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

**3)** What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

## PRAYER

### PRAYER RESPONSE

### CONGREGATIONAL Song "Every Praise"

Every praise is to our God Every word of worship, with one accord Every praise, every praise Is to our God Sing hallelujah to our God Glory hallelujah is due our God Every praise, every praise Is to our God.

God my Savior, God my Healer, God my Deliverer. Yes He is, yes He is...

## DECLARATION

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- Psalm 29: 8-11 New Testament - Ephesians 2: 11-18 The Gospel -Matthew 11: 25-30**

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Gloria Patri - "Glory be to the Father"

## INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER

## WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

## SERMON

Rev. John J. Peak - John Joseph Ministries

## INVITATIONAL

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## THE PASTOR'S WORD/ANNOUNCEMENTS/ & WELCOME VISITORS

### BENEDICTION "Reach out and Touch Somebody's Hand"

Our youth and college students as they continue on their journey and teachers as they return to the classrooms, Bro. Roy Moore, Sis. Danita Wilbanks, Sister Mary English, Manjula Jefpoul sister of Sis. Anirha Jefpoul, Sis. Lil Mellerson, Sis. Jackie Sewell's Sis. Virginia Braxton, Sis. Maggie Bullard, Family. Healing and Unity in our family and country, 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 August.**



**August - Wanda Samuels - 20<sup>th</sup>**

**August - Keith & Mary English 16<sup>th</sup> - 38 years Martin & Nicole 19<sup>th</sup> - 24 years**

**David & Lydia Goodman 30<sup>th</sup> - 49 years**

