

# LaMott African Methodist Episcopal Church

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Sunday, May 5, 2024- 10:00 a.m.



**Church School Lesson: "Justified by Faith" Lesson Text: Romans 3:21-30 Key Text:** This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. Romans 3:22-24

*Happy Birthday Kae den & Kaelen Banks*

**Summary of the Lesson** What is the righteousness of God? The Scripture says, "This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe". The operative word is "ALL", not just some. (vv. 22, 23). There is no doubt that there was tension between the believers of different backgrounds. The non-Jewish (Gentile) community do not know God's law and fall short because they confuse things God created with God Himself. They end up enthroning someone or something else – even themselves- as God. Those of Jewish background, who have God's law should know better. In other words, they should be able to recognize themselves as sinners. The Jewish community prided themselves for having a set of rules that guided behavior and they believed keeping these rules made them righteous and better than the Gentiles who did not have Jewish Law. So, what is Paul's message? The Law was God's plan in the development of God's people. Its purpose was never to save anyone. It was to show the need for the One who can save everyone. Because the Law could only do so much, God sent His Son to fulfill the requirements of the Law. The work of Christ was the culmination of God's plan for salvation, placing our faith in Him so that we may be able to stand before God. It is through this faith that we become children of God. It is through this faith that there is neither Jew nor Gentile. It is through this faith that there is neither slave nor free. It is through this faith that there is neither male nor female. In other words, all who believe belong to God through faith in Christ. If there had been any kind of rule-keeping with any kind of power to create new life in us by the time of Paul's preaching, they certainly would have gotten it by that time. The Scripture says, "Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the Law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed." What does that mean? Does it mean the Law imprisoned? Does it mean the Law served as a restraint to show sin and its extent? Everyone can be prisoners of sin; all are guilty of sin. So that, the Law served the purpose of teacher until the coming of Christ. God had mapped out the way to salvation! Its destination was the cross of Christ; the One who died for sins of the whole world. The teacher, while not totally dismissed, is no longer to be relied on. It is the faith in the work done on the cross that will bring us into right-standing before God. Now we know that grace, mercy, and forgiveness of sin is extended to us because of the work on the cross. Now we know that the Jew and Gentile who become believers all belong to God through the faith in Christ. We are inherently sinful creatures and death is its outcome. God, however, has provided through the death of Jesus a pardon for our sins. If we become overconfident and convince ourselves that we can achieve purity in the sight of God by our own efforts, we are in for a sad outcome. We need someone greater than ourselves to bring us into right standing with God. That is the reason Christ died on the cross – to achieve for us what we could never achieve on our own. He did so because of His unconditional love for us. We must never lose sight of the price He paid. That is the message from Paul. I find it amazing that the one thing that unites us is SIN. It doesn't matter who you are, where you come from, or your religious affiliation. It is the faith in the cross of Christ that transforms and unites. We cannot fix ourselves. We need Jesus! 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

**"Virtual Bible Study" Every Tuesdays @ 7:30PM All are Welcome.**

**TODAY** is "**Fellowship Sunday**" Everyone is invited downstairs as we show our appreciation with our cards and gifts to our Pastor, celebrating the end of another conference year. Lunch will be served.

**TODAY** our youth will be making **Mom's & Dad's Day cards** after the morning service.

**TODAY** is the last call for pictures for the Mom's Day Board. Please see Sis. Goodman or Sis. Deb Roberts.

**Next Sunday** after the morning service there will be a brief **Official Board Meeting**.

**Next Sunday** – We celebrate "**Mother's Day**" our guest preacher Bishop Curtis Miller, refreshments will be served after the morning service. Invite someone. All are welcome.

**"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.**



**Order of Service**

**Sunday, May 5, 2024- 10:00 a.m.**

**Scripture of the Month:**

*"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** 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; **[Refrain]**

4) 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

**\*READING OF THE WILL**

**Old Testament** 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 20:1-6 **New Testament** Hebrew 11:1-6 **The Gospel** Matthew 14:1-9

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

**Gloria Patri** - "Glory Be To The Father"

**WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC**

**\*SERMON** **Rev. Dr. Louis P. Attles, Pastor**

**INVITATIONAL**

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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.**



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 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 May.](#)**



Ava Valentine-Hinton	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sebastian Sumner	2 <sup>nd</sup>	London Graves	4 <sup>th</sup>
Marcella Forrest	4 <sup>th</sup>	Charlotte Covington	19 <sup>th</sup>	John Alcorn	19 <sup>th</sup>
Katrina Lowman	19 <sup>th</sup>	Kaeden Banks	25 <sup>th</sup>	Kaelen Banks	25 <sup>th</sup>
David Bullard	25 <sup>th</sup>				



**-Deborah & Leroy Williams - 27<sup>th</sup> - 46 years**

