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Sunday, Sept. 8, 2024



CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON: "Solomon Dedicates the Temple" Scripture Reading: 1 King 8:22-24, 37-39,46, 48-50A

Key Verse: "When a prayer or plea is made by anyone among your people Israel—being aware of the afflictions of their own hearts, and spreading out their hands toward this temple— then hear from heaven, your dwelling place." 1st Kings 8:38-39A **Happy Birthday! Brother Robert Love!**

SUMMARY OF THE LESSON: Solomon, the king of Israel throughout Israel's finest years of prosperity, was a son and successor to King David, having been anointed king by his sick father's request. He rose to power when Israel was an empire, with a desire to serve God as had his father, David. When the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying: "Ask what I shall give thee," the young king asked for an understanding heart to judge his people and to discern between good and bad. This choice by Solomon prompted God to bless him beyond his wishes. Solomon was granted riches as well as wisdom. One of Solomon's greatest accomplishments was the building of the temple in Jerusalem, replacing the portable tabernacle; a massive undertaking over seven years and sparing no expense. The Ark of the Covenant was brought to the temple. This was to be the permanent dwelling place of God. The dedication of the temple began with prayer. Upon reading the first verse of the lesson text (v.22), notice Solomon's posture. He is standing with his hands lifted toward heaven. I thought of the song we sing sometimes during church service: "with my hands lifted up and my mouth filled with praise, with a heart of thanksgiving, I will bless Thee O Lord." He prays not only for his own benefit but on behalf of the "whole assembly of Israel". I'm sure the people were awestruck at the sight of the beautiful temple. If you read the entire chapter 8, you will have an idea of the kind of celebration that took place; the sacrifices offered; the feast for the people - two solid weeks of celebration! The focal point of the celebration, however, is not wood, brick and mortar., but God's Presence. On behalf of the people, His prayer reminds the people of God's love, mercy and protection; that God will hear their cries in times of crises, whether because of disaster or disease; or "affliction of their own hearts". Understanding that man is sinful by nature, he prays that God will renew the people even after their sin. God is Just and punishes, but He also shows mercy. God is interested in the prayers of people seeking change and redemption. He gave voice to the nation's prayer for forgiveness as part of its ongoing life together, including the forgiveness of sin that had not yet been committed. His prayer reflects a realistic assessment of the human condition, and the tendency of human beings to fail. Idolatry and oppression occurred regularly; they still do. The Old Testament Israel and the New Testament church celebrate the expansive nature of God's mercy. In 2024, There is no doubt that far too many things in our nation are contrary to God's plan for us and evils of many sorts are increasing at an alarming rate. We must remember God's blessings and pray for spiritual healing and renewal across the land. God still has a plan and purpose for us, individually and nationally, if we will turn to Him and follow His path. The well-known words that God spoke to Solomon on behalf of Israel long ago apply to us today: "If my people who are called by My Name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My Face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land". (2 Chronicles 7:14). Spiritual renewal is serious business; not to be taken lightly. It requires deep commitment to God lived out in humble submission. Sadly, too few are willing to turn from wickedness and seek after God. The writer of Psalm 27 expressed the joy and fulfillment he found being in God's presence stating, "One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple". What is meant is not entering a building as much as entering God's Presence. Our circumstance in life may not be what we want it to be, or what it should be. You must know that in His Presence we can find love, peace, and joy. In His Presence, we can find mercy and forgiveness. His Presence should have a home in our committed and humble hearts. Amen.

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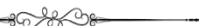
ANNOUNCEMENTS – **ZOOM BIBLE STUDY** - **Every - Tues. @ 7:30 p.m.** All Are Welcome!!

TODAY – The Health Ministry will meet after the morning service re: **"Breast Cancer Awareness Month".**
IN PERSON - Church School - Every Sunday @ 9:00 a.m. All are welcome!

THIS Sat., Sept. 14th "COMMUNITY DAY" – **see insert** -

NEXT Sun., Sept. 15th – Elder Hearst will be here to hold our **2nd Quarterly Conf.** after the morning service.
Sat, Sept. 21st @ 10a.-4p **"Camp William Penn & Historic LaMott Day"** 7322 Sycamore Ave, LaMott, PA
All are welcome!

Sun., Sept. 29th @ 3:00p. is the Board of Christian Education Annual Day – The Rev. Kyle Thomas, pastor of Emmanuel AME Church, Hartly, Delaware will bring the message, Dinner (Donation) will be served after the morning service. More info to come. Please invite someone and share with others. Sis. Linda Taylor, Pres.,
Sat. Oct. 5th @ 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.



For He will
command His
angels
concerning
you to guard
you in all your
ways;

they will lift
you up in
their hands,
so that you
will not
strike your
foot against
a stone.

Scripture of the Month:

Order of Service

"In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone." Psalm 91:12

CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Psalm 46)

L: Be still! We come to quiet ourselves in this haven of holiness. Be still and know . . .

P: We come to discern the Word which can set us free.

All: Be still and know that God is our Hope, our Help, our Refuge, and our Redeemer.

OPENING HYMN

"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

- 1) Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidst me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 4) Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

"If the World from You Withhold"

- 1) If the world from you withhold of its silver and its gold, And you have to get along with meager fare, Just remember, in His Word, how He feeds the little bird, Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there. (Refrain):
 - 4) When your youthful days are gone and old age is stealing on, And your body bends beneath the weight of care, He will never leave you then, He'll go with you to the end, Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there. [Refrain]
- Refrain:** Leave it there, leave it there, Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there. If you trust and never doubt, He will surely bring you out, Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.

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- Genesis 41: 8-16 New Testament -2 Corinthians 9: 6-9 The Gospel- Ephesians 6:10-18

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty
Gloria Patri - "Glory be to the Father"

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

SERMON

Sister Wilhelmina Clark-Love - Trial Sermon

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THE PASTOR'S WORD/ANNOUNCEMENTS/ & WELCOME VISITORS

GENERAL CONFESSION Please see **INSERT**

BENEDICTION "Reach out and Touch Somebody's Hand"

 Rev. Dr. LeRoy Attles and family on the passing of his brother Alvin Attles; Pastor's Uncle, 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, Sis. Lil Mellerson, Sis. Jackie Sewell's Sis. Virginia Braxton, Sis. Maggie Bullard, Healing and Unity in our families and country, Bro. Leroy Williams, husband of Sis. Debbie Williams, Sis. O'Jetta Crosswell's Brother - Brewington W. Crosswell ESQ, and her Sister Dr. Elva L. Crosswell, 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 September.**



September -



Ayera Baylis 6th Ronald Baylis 6th Donna Malcolm 14th

Taylor Johnson 14th Michael Mabry 19th Maggie Bullard 22nd Robert Love 29th Lillie Mellison 30th



SEPTEMBER - Robert & Wilhelmina Love - 6th - **33 years**

