# LaMott A.M.C. Church

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## Sunday, August 25, 2024

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy.

Titus 3:4-5

# CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON: "The Washing of Regeneration " Scripture Reading: Titus 3:3-11

Key Verse: "But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the

Holy Spirit." Titus 3:4-5 Happy Birthday! Sister Wanda Samuels 😳 🗼

SUMMARY OF THE LESSON: Lots of information is available through social media, television, and radio. Everyone has a cell phone, or tablet or desk top computer through which information is readily available. Yes, technology is very helpful in understanding the world around us. We can get the weather report to know whether to take our umbrellas along. We can learn about our communities and other cultures near and far. That's the good part. The bad part is that we can become so distracted by so much information, some of which is misleading or false, even addictive, that we fail to lay hold to what is true and important. The lesson today takes us to the church in Crete. Paul wrote a letter to Titus, a Gentile Christian, encouraging him and giving advice on the administration of the church and how to handle false teachers and false information in the church; disturbances that believers faced. For some there was a lack of godliness that led to meaningless controversies and distractions. all without the advantage of social media, television or radio. It speaks to the influence words can have on people. The church at Crete had been founded based on the Gospel Message and its acceptance by the people there. The false teaching, however, served to distract the believers from focusing on what was important. Be reminded, Paul writes, that we were once "... foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another." Apparently, there were those who professed the faith, but their lifestyle spoke differently. Can you imagine the damage done in the church? Different people with different ideas about how the church should be run have caused some of our modern-day churches to be divided. Perhaps there were those who didn't like the type of music or the way people dressed or the way people demonstrated their praise or what the preacher said. What is important to you as a churchgoing, God-believing person? How good is your relationship with God? Are there things distracting you from the love you profess? At one point in my employment life, I worked for a large insurance company. It was a regional operation led by a vice president, serving large companies and corporations in the Mid-Atlantic states. Its business thrived on trust, honesty, integrity, diversity and dignity until certain events took place to upend all that had been established. Eventually, the regional operation downsized and moved to an out of state location. While there were those who chose to move with it, I chose not to. What am I saying and what does this have to do with a church? Whether it is a company, home, or church, the lust for power and control, greed, envy, or dishonesty can divide and destroy its unity. Scripture tells us to "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." (Ephesians 4:3). If we, then, are followers of Christ Jesus we should always be practicing in our daily lives to promote such unity: "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love." (Ephesians 4:2). Let's be honest and admit that humility, gentleness, patience, and even love do not always come easily; they often require some effort, adjustment, and change that we might rather do without. Thankfully, we are not alone in our character adjustment, for God has provided us with the help of the Holy Spirit to enable us to mature spiritually and become facilitators of unity rather than opponents of it. What began with the kindness and love of God, resulting in our salvation, culminating with being made new through God's Spirit should be our focus day by day. Amen.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS - BIBLE STUDY will resume on Tues. Sept. 3rd @ 7:30 p.m.

Church School will resume on Sunday. Sept. 1st at 9:00 a.m.

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

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

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



<u>Scripture of the Month:</u> "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: <u>P:</u>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**

## "Down at the Cross"

1) Down at the cross where my Savior died, Down where for cleansing from sin I cried, There to my heart was the blood applied; Glory to his name! [Refrain]

<u>4)</u>Come to this fountain so rich and sweet, Cast thy poor soul at the Savior's feet; Plunge in today, and be made complete; Glory to his name! [Refrain]

[Refrain]Glory to his name, Glory to his name; There to my heart was the blood applied; Glory to his name! **PRAYER** 

## PRAYER RESPONSE

## CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "Blessed Assurance"

**1)** Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood. **[Refrain]** 

3) Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my Savior am happy and bless'd, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]

[Refrain]This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

## 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- Joshua 6:1-5 New Testament - Romans 16 16-20 The Gospel – Matthew 5: 3-10

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Gloria Patri – "Glory be to the Father"

## **WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC**

SERMON

**Evangelist Ernestine Johnson** 

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#### THE PASTOR'S WORD/ANNOUNCEMENTS/ & WELCOME VISITORS BENEDICTION "Reach out and Touch Somebody's Hand"



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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 Croswell's Brother - Brewington W. Croswell ESQ, and her Sister Dr. Elva L. Croswell, 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. <u>Birthdays or Anniversaries in August.</u>

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