



The Pastor's Pen

When we were about to finish the prayer call Friday morning June 29, 2018, Sis. Kathy Harrell stated that she wanted to offer a prayer for the Pastor (that would be me). Before she prayed she went on to say that he may get mad at me for doing this, and after checking to see if I was still on the line, she mentioned that tomorrow, June 30 will be the 45th anniversary of my initial sermon, which was preached at First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill, and that she wanted to offer the prayer on my behalf for this. I was humbled and honored by the remembrance and the prayer.

It is interesting that she mentioned it. Earlier this week I kept telling myself that there is something of personal significance that is coming up soon, but I couldn't quite put my finger on it. My birthday is in July, but I was thinking it was something different than that (though you are still welcome to commemorate that in any way you like!). Perhaps the greater story is that Kathy wanted to do the prayer. Seeing her spiritual maturity from being afraid of being on the prayer call for "fear" she would have to say something, to boldly and confidently offering prayers regularly is a tremendous blessing.

It was on June 30, 1974. That year and day were quite interesting. I was 18 years old at the time. Already dealing with the nervousness of preaching my initial sermon that day, we received word during our morning worship service that Mrs. Alberta King, the mother of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., had been shot and killed during their worship service at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, in Atlanta. In my innocence and ignorance, I asked my dad if we will need to cancel the service that evening because of the tragedy. He said no, we would still do the service.

My sermon (loosely calling it a sermon) was on Luke 15:11 – 24. The title was simply, "The Prodigal Son." The sermon mostly just retold the story with little, if any, theological depth or insight (Jill Jones so astutely told me that afterwards). Others asked was it my own testimony (some validity to that, too). In reality, it was a story that seemed (and still seems) to resonate with me well. I have preached variations of the passage a few times since, as well. The congregation, in its graciousness, voted to grant me the license. And the rest is history!

As I come to the 45th anniversary of that first sermon, I have often thought to myself that I wish I can go back and "apologize" to some churches/people for some of the sermons I have preached over the years. Many sermons look and sound great on paper, but sometimes lose something in the transferring them from thoughts and concepts, to delivering.

There have also been times when I have thought that it didn't connect and yet people have come to me afterwards and shared some specificities about the sermon that were helpful and valuable to them. I surmise that the reason for this is that there is a creative tension between the Spirit and the preacher, with both having their own ideas of what they want to be said. And the struggle is when the preacher wants to go in a direction that is different from the Spirit. Yet, when we follow the Spirit we find that the message blessed, and was heard and helpful (2 Timothy 3:16 – 17).

I am grateful for the 45 years of preaching. I pray that for whatever number of sermons and days that are still ahead of me that I will continue to strive to be faithful to the call and the charge. I pray that I will stay true to the purpose of preaching: to save (Romans 10:14 – 15), to equip (Ephesians 4:11 – 12), to direct (2 Timothy 4:2), to heal (Matthew 4:23) and to make glad (Isaiah 43:7).

Kelly M. Smith Jr.
Pastor

SUNDAY

morning live

July 2018 Lessons

“*Jesus Calls for Justice and Mercy*,” has five lessons that explore Jesus’ teachings on God’s justice in the books of Matthew and Luke. Included is Jesus’ demand for leaders to practice justice as well as to understand the universality of God’s justice and mercy.

July 1st: Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

Adult Topic	Youth Topic	Children Topic
To Forgive and Be Forgiven	Your Heart in it?	Forgive and Forget

Background Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35

Key Verse: Matthew 18:33 “*Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?*”

July 8th: Jesus Criticizes Unjust Leaders

Adult Topic	Youth Topic	Children Topic
Hypocrites!	Practice What You Teach!	Practice What You Preach

Background Scripture: Matthew 23

Key Verses: Matthew 23:2-3 “*The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. 3 “So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach.*”

July 15th: The Widow and The Unjust Judge

Adult Topic	Youth Topic	Children Topic
Persistence Pays Off	Don’t Lose Heart	Get What Is Fair

Background Scripture: Luke 18:1-8

Key Verse: Luke 18:7a *And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night?*

July 22nd: Entering God’s Kingdom

Adult Topic	Youth Topic	Children Topic
Come In	Bear Good Fruit!	It Takes Discipline

Background Scripture: Matthew 7:15-23; Luke 13:22-30

Key Verse: Luke 13:24 “*Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to.*”

July 29th: Parable of the Great Dinner

Adult Topic	Youth Topic	Children Topic
Join the Party	You’re Invited!	Come One! Come All!

Background Scripture: Luke 14:15-24

Key Verse: Luke 14:21 “*The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.’*”

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"Treasures of a Mother's Heart"
Pastor Smith
Scriptural Text: Luke 2:41-42
Submitted by: Deborah Luter

Luke tells the story that Jesus had been missing for three days and his parents were greatly concerned. When he was finally found and his mother inquired about his disappearance Jesus says, *Why is it that you were looking for me. Did you not know that I had to be in my Father's house. Luke 2:49*

We see this with Mary the mother of Jesus. Though Jesus was the son of God, Mary never stopped being his mother.

There is a special bond between a mother and her child. It is a bond that is even more unique than a father's bond with his child. And God allows mothers to sometimes have experiences with their children that they may not understand, but yet are able to store in their hearts.

Point 1- These treasures are in a mother's heart because it shapes the understanding of her role.

Every mother thinks her child is unique. And the truth is, each child is unique. And a mother's response to the child has to be unique as well. There is no set pattern of a mother's role. It is based on the children's need.

Point 2- These treasures are in a mother's heart because it stores the pieces of the puzzle.

There were many times in the life of Mary that she surely was puzzled by what was happening in the life of her son Jesus. But she kept treasuring these things, until other pieces of the puzzle came into place.

Point 3 – These treasures are in a mother's heart because it keeps the memories safe.

Because it is a place of safe keeping. Often times we equate the heart with love. This is why the treasure of the heart is so important. That means that whatever is kept there is kept through the power of love. Life will not always be kind to us. But a mother's love keeps the thoughts of us safe and sound.

May
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"How to Be Alone"
Pastor Smith
Scriptural Text: Matthew 14:22-23
Submitted by: Kathy Harrell

To be a Christian means that our desire is to model our lives after Jesus Christ. Among the examples of Christ we are to be like is how to be alone.

When we think of the church, we think of community and overcoming challenges together as God would have us to do. Yet the strength of the community comes from the capacity each one of us has to be alone. We must understand the importance of how to break away from those things that constantly seek to draw our attention, in order for us to be alone.

Being alone is not really alone; being alone is being with God.(Psalm 139:7) "Where can I go from your Spirit, where can I flee from your presence?"

Point 1- Our alone time should be intentional.

It is more than okay to take time alone to be refreshed and restored with the Lord. Having an intimate relationship with the God requires spending deliberate, thoughtful and undisturbed time with Him. Our spiritual growth and maturity is dependent on the quality time we spend with the Lord.

Point 2-Our alone time should be productive.

We must go to God in our alone time and find a way to stay focused so that we do not lose sight of who we are, according to His will. We need time for 'self-care' where being with God strengthens our spirits to be revived, refreshed and renewed.

Point 3-Our alone time should be preparatory.

Our alone time with God prepares us for the opportunity and ability to do something we don't expect to be able to do! It equips us for what lies ahead. It is because we have spent time with God in prayer and meditation that we are able to face whatever known and unknown challenges which lie ahead with restored and renewed spiritual power and strength.

“The Thorny Side of Grace”May
27**Pastor Smith**
Scriptural Text: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10*Submitted by: Beverly Brown*

Grace is the gift God has given us even when it is undeserved. God/Christ Jesus grace is defined as God/Christ Jesus “unmerited favor.” The Apostle Paul refers to a “thorn” that is in his flesh that he prayed to God to have removed. But God responded by saying that God’s grace is sufficient and that God’s power is made perfect in weakness. This is the thorny side of grace.

Thorny side(s) are the places that can create or are places that are painful to humankind. Thorns can be a person, a situation, illness, death of a love one, sadness, depression, etc. God/Christ Jesus power is made perfect in mankind/womankind/childkind’s places of weakness. No matter what your struggle(s) might be, God/Christ Jesus grace is sufficient to cover them all.

Point 1. The thorny side of grace reminds us that our prayers must trust God’s purpose.

Fervant prayer is the key for God to provide the answer that he knows what is best for his people in all places and situations in their lives. We must remember that we are here to serve God and God’s purpose and not our own.

2. The thorny side of grace reminds us that our obstacles are God’s opportunity.

God/Christ Jesus gives and is our strength in our weakness. The word perfect in the text means maturity. That means God/Christ Jesus power matures in us when we are weak. God/Christ Jesus character knows when we are in a tough place and He helps us to work it out. God/Christ Jesus may not remove the tough place; but, he can help us in spite of the tough place we may find ourselves. We are to be conduits of God’s character.

3. The thorny side of grace reminds us that we don’t have to be fixed to be faithful.

That means, no matter the struggles such as death, illness, divorce, loss of job, loss of a relationship, etc. Our capacity to do the will of God/Christ Jesus is not based upon what we bring to the table, it is based upon our willingness to trust God/Christ Jesus in what He brings to the table on our behalf. Again, He always knows what is best for us. Amen, Amen, & Amen.

“Naked But Not Ashamed”June
3**Pastor Smith**
Scriptural Text: Genesis 2:24-25*Submitted by: Kathy Harrell*

Marriage should be a safe place to love, to live, and to learn. The family is our most basic unit of human society. Our Scriptural Text tells of the creation story of humanity.

The healthiest marriages are naked and not ashamed. ‘Naked’, not meaning unclothed, but meaning open, honest, exposed, clear, and genuine. ‘Not ashamed’ meaning happy, confident, glad, joyful, and honored.

What do we look for in our relationships to be naked but not ashamed?

Point 1. We can be naked and not ashamed when there is God’s design.

God custom-makes relationships to have multiple levels of compatibility. Together, couples can grow, mature, and prosper. ... ‘What God has joined together, let no one put asunder’ (Mark 10:9). Many couples struggle from the beginning because the marriage was not God designed.

Point 2. We can be naked and not ashamed when there is intimacy.

Intimacy allows a continual closeness emotionally, physically, and spiritually. It is a comfortable walk in harmony with one another. Neither person loses their identity; instead, intimacy stimulates the *blending* of two becoming one. It allows the relationship to take priority. With intimacy, there is a natural closeness that transcends all boundaries (... ‘man shall cleave unto his wife; and they shall become one flesh’, Genesis 2:24).

Point 3. We can be naked and not ashamed when there is transparency.

Having transparency means that one must be painfully honest, completely exposed, and totally vulnerable. No matter what adversities/troubles occur, or how uncomfortable (even humiliated) we may feel, *nothing* can be kept secret or hidden. It is not easy to let someone see our faults, shortcomings, limits, and weaknesses. Yet, the importance of being in a God designed, intimate relationship, is that each person has a ‘safe place to land’ when revealing their imperfect but true self to one another.

June 10 **“The Boy Who Would Be King”**
Pastor Smith
Scriptural Text: 1 Samuel 16:10-13
Submitted by: Sheila R. Littleton

Note: Pastor Smith delivered this sermon in the first person, playing the role of David's father, Jesse.

David, son of Jesse, became king over all of Israel as God directed Samuel to go and find the king from the household of Jesse in the city of Bethlehem. Jesse thought that it would be one of his other, older sons, but the choice of God was David, the youngest.

1. He was going to be king because of his destiny.

Destiny is the path that one finds over the course of their life. This places a person where there they are supposed to be in life. One of his Jesse's sons would be anointed as King. The choice of David instead of his older brothers was unexpected. The older sons were initially brought before Samuel as they were considered more appropriate choices for a king's role than David. David was brought forth and anointed to be King. God saw things in David that others could not see. Sometimes people do not know themselves what they can become, but God knows our destiny.

2. He was going to be king because of his determination. David was able to overcome many challenges in his life. He had enough confidence and determination to fight a bear, lion, and even a giant. Despite the fear of others in the army, David demonstrated courage in taking on a fight with Goliath, the giant, whom he killed. Sometimes it takes repeated efforts and persistence to reach goals, as there will be obstacles in our path.

3. He was going to be king because of his devotion. David demonstrated devotion, which involved loyalty, faithfulness, and commitment to Saul while he was king. Although Saul tried to kill him, David was always loyal. He was committed to doing what was right in God's way regardless of his circumstances. To make a difference in the world, children need destiny, determination, and devotion.

June 17 **“Daddy Duties”**
Pastor Smith
Scriptural Text: Genesis 18:16-17
Submitted by: Deborah Luter

Dad's play a key role in the family. Families have a greater chance to be healthy when the dad is also there in a healthy way. Dad's roles should not be diminished because of some aspects of the history of dads.

The story of Genesis tells of Abraham finding out that he was to be a dad from visitors God sent. We can see from this passage what was God's plan for Abraham and his role as dad.

Point 1- Daddy Duties involve being friends with God.

As the visitors are leaving God joins in the conversation with Abraham. And in the course of their exchange you can see that they are talking with each other as friends. When we see ourselves connected with someone as a friend the dynamics of the relationship are stronger and purer.

Point 2- Daddy duties involve being the channel of blessings.

God said that Abraham will be a great and powerful nation. All nations would be blessed through him. Through Abraham's daddy duties others would be blessed as well. God still blesses others when dad's do what they are supposed to do.

Point 3 – Daddy duties involve giving direction for the household.

By giving direction “for” the household (instead of “to”) it keeps Abraham engaged in the middle of the plan. It was to help them to follow in the Lord's way of righteousness and justice. That means that they have a code of conduct for the family. But it doesn't just mean to the family, but to treat all humanity right. To serve as a model for them to follow because the human race needs a father figure too.

July Deacons of the Week

If you should need pastoral assistance, contact the Deacon of the Week for assistance.

Week of	Deacon	Phone #
1 st	Richard Dinkins	(615) 202-5213
8 th	Ernest Dismuke	(615) 259-0623
15 th	Emmitt Hayes	(615) 876-3522
22 nd	Beverly Brown	(615) 885-5334
29 th	Ronald McFarland Sr.	(615) 331-0564

Blood Pressure Screenings

The Health Care Committee will be available on the 2nd and 4th Sundays to provide blood pressure screenings in the Frankie Pierce Lounge and on the lower level.

2018 Scholarship Applications

Scholarship Applications can be picked up from the church office beginning June 25, 2018. The completed application and requested materials must be submitted to the church office by the deadline date of Wednesday, August 1, 2018. If you desire an electronic copy, please let the church secretary know, and one will be forwarded to you. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

The Scholarship Committee

Help Needed!

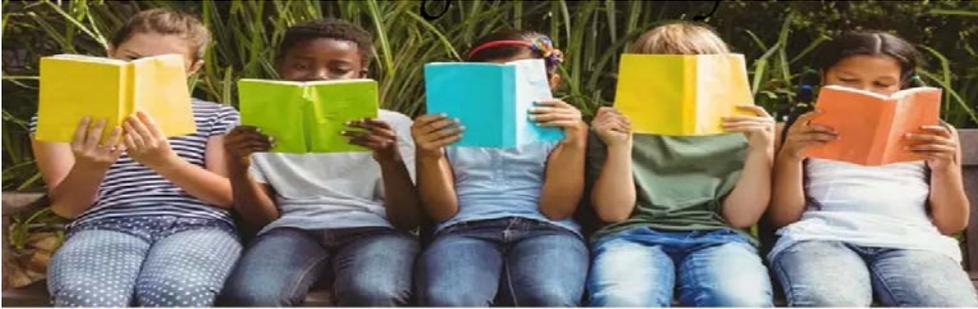
First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill is in need of people who are willing to provide homework help to our children after school. Our church will begin offering homework help in all subject matters this school year. Help will be available Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Contact Jill Jones at (404) 723-5384 or Miriam Currie (615) 948-6580 to sign up if you are willing to help.



A BIG THANKS to everyone who volunteered to serve in this summer's VBS! It was indeed a joy to learn about being a part of the GodSquad. We will have a volunteer appreciation reception immediately following service on Sunday, July 15. We look to celebrate our time together! Thanks again, Joe Ella Darby and Nicole Alexander.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Summer

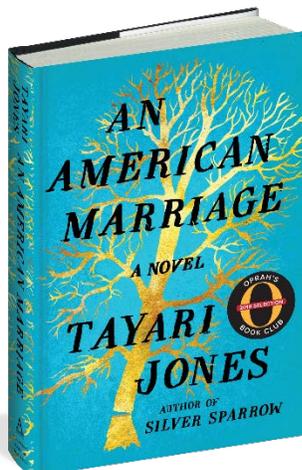



Reading Saturdays

On Saturday July 21st, August 18th, and September 15th readers in grades K-12 are encouraged to come to The Hill to read and share their favorite books!

The Black Panther and Its Lessons for The Church

On Saturday July 14th, we will host a viewing of *The Black Panther* followed by a discussion of themes and lessons that are relevant to today's Church. Concessions will be available starting at noon. The movie begins at 1:00!



An American Marriage

For our Adult Readers, “An American Marriage” is a masterpiece of storytelling, an intimate look into the souls of people who must reckon with the past while moving forward – with hope and pain – into the future. Book club discussion: **Saturday August 4th**! “An American Marriage” is written by Tayari Jones and is an Oprah Book Club selection.

The Gift of Pruning

“...every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.” ~John 15:2b

Submitted by Rev. Joe Ella Darby, Ministry of Discipleship Chair

Last week, I spent time volunteering with my youngest brother at the BELL garden. Our team picked over 40 pounds of fruit and vegetables to donate to the Second Harvest Food Bank. While my brother and I were harvesting the vegetables, we enjoyed reminiscing about our time growing up and helping to care for our family garden. This month, I want to share an article I wrote two-years ago, as my time reaping the harvest reminds me of the gift of pruning. Pruning is challenging, yet a very necessary process for a good harvest.

Growing up, we had a large garden that we were expected to help maintain. My dad would till the ground and we helped to plant, water, pull weeds, and harvest. My mom and dad would often prune the plants; they seemed to always know the right timing to do so. Pruning was an effective way to produce a greater yield.

In reading an article on pruning trees and shrubs, I learned that pruning is the best preventive maintenance that a young plant can receive as it helps young trees to be trained and encouraged to develop a strong structure. As a plant grows, continued pruning promotes plant health, maintenance, development, and plant appearance.¹ Understanding a little more of the why behind pruning, helps me to better understand what Jesus was saying as he talked to his disciples in John 15.

What strikes me about John 15:2 is the reason why God, the gardener, prunes us as His disciples. Jesus explains that, “*God cuts off every branch in Him that bears no fruit*” but prunes every branch that *does bear fruit* “*SO that it will be even more fruitful.*” Pruning involves being selective and intentional about removing parts of a plant so it can be more fruitful. This indicates that the pruning that God does in our lives is actually an indication that we are doing something right, but there is more that God wants from us. I look at this as God requiring more from us...moving us from membership to discipleship in a way that promotes better health and growth personally and as a congregation.

Pruning allows us to set our hearts and minds on things above not on earthly things (Colossians 3:1-2), thus living as one truly made alive in Christ. Colossians 3 provides a list of things we should prune, putting to death and ridding ourselves of so that we can bear more fruit for God’s kingdom. Colossians 3:5 speak to our individual pruning and Colossians 3:8-9 our communal pruning, pruning that results in our looking more like Christ which should be our ultimate goal.

Let us not despise our seasons of pruning, but with great joy receive this as a gift and an affirmation that we are on the right track. Putting to death things and people that hinder our spiritual growth is temporarily painful, but yields much fruit. As you are being pruned, adhere to Jesus’ admonishment to remain in Him and His love (John 15:5-9). Pruning is a loving act of discipline (Hebrews 12:6) meant for those willing to grow as healthy and vibrant disciples of Jesus Christ actively engaged in living out God’s purposes in the world.

¹ <http://www.extension.umn.edu/garden/yard-garden/trees-shrubs/pruning-trees-shrubs/>

Dear friends let us love one another, for love comes from God I John 4:7



April 18, 2018

Dear Friends at First Baptist Capitol Hill,

As our community celebrates Room In The Inn Volunteer Recognition Weekend on April 28 and 29, we ask that you share this letter of thanks with your congregation.

We are writing to express our profound gratitude for your congregation's participation in the Room In The Inn program this past winter season. Your volunteers offered a place of refuge from the cold and danger of the streets an effort that surely saved lives. During the 2017-2018 season, more than 7,000 volunteers in 195 congregations provided nearly 31,000 shelter beds, served over 91,500 meals and gave over 143,000 hours of volunteer service.

Specifically, during the 2017-2018 season, First Baptist Capitol Hill

- **Provided 114 shelter beds**
- **Served 228 meals**
- **Gave 761.6 volunteer hours**

These numbers only begin to reflect your congregation's commitment to serving those who are most vulnerable in our community. We recognize the many hours that go into planning for and hosting Room In The Inn guests. Of greatest impact were the relationships that were built, the stories shared over meals, the listening ear that was provided, and the caring words that were said. This level of hospitality allows Room In The Inn to be a ministry of love that breaks down the divisions that separate us from our neighbors.

It takes a village to care for a community. Over the past 32 years, Room In The Inn has taken a leadership role, building and growing relationships with congregations, community partners, organizations, and individuals in order to create better, more comprehensive solutions for our neighbors in need. You help us respond to the changing needs of a growing city and help us look forward to meeting the needs of tomorrow. Built on a foundation of collaboration, we continue to help a city that accounts for all its neighbors.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff, and guest, thank you for your gift of service.

Sincerely,

Jeff Gibson, Board President

Rachel Hester, Executive Director

Charles Strobel, Founder

JULY						
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DATES TO REMEMBER						
14	The Black Panther and Its Lessons for the Church Concessions open at Noon Movie begins at 1:00 p.m.					
21	Reading Saturdays Open to readers K-12 Bring a Friend					

BIRTHDAYS

1	Darrell Hayes Ruth McGriff D.J. Wootson
2	St. Claire Foster T. Nanette Lacey Tiana McKnight
6	Herman E. Jackson Simon Morrow
7	Rosetta Perry
9	Arrold N. Martin
10	Lanny Babb Gary Cornell Rowe
11	Kelly Miller Smith Jr.
12	Evelyn P. Fancher
14	Candace Cosey Mona S. Hayes
15	Tamarah Suggs Daniel John Knight Jr. Sheila R. Littleton
17	Maribeth C. White Roosevelt Roper Makala Sampson
20	Keenan Robinson
22	Ryann O. King
23	John Alexander Vincent L. Baker
25	Sue Hall Smith Erma Todd Robert Wood II
27	James R. Collier Ernest Dismuke Sr. Beverly A. Scott
31	Barbara Doughty Cassandra T. Walker

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DATES TO REMEMBER						
1	FBCCH Scholarship Applications Due					
4	Book Discussion <i>An American Marriage</i>					
18	Reading Saturdays Open to readers K-12 Bring a Friend					

BIRTHDAYS

1	Dorothy Jarrett Benny Perry
2	Geardean Johnson Carl E. Jones Jr. Zuri Walker
3	Ilene White
4	Helen P. Anderson Robin Jones Battle Ivan R. Davis Sr. Delores Grimes
5	Augustus Bankhead Cynthia F. Jones
7	John Fenderson David O. Jones
8	William "Woody" Baron
9	Mary O. Pleas
10	Shirley Bass
12	Danielle Anderson
15	Sharon Gentry Deborah Howse Paul Luter Elisha Richardson
16	Pamela Wood
18	Whitley Campbell
21	Sylvia Burton
22	Shanell McGoy Randall Washington
24	Monica Carter
25	Terrance Hurd
27	Jane Fort Barbara Mines-Baxter
29	Shirley Cody
30	Richard Dinkins Emma Jean Lambert Sherika Lynch

SEPTEMBER						
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DATES TO REMEMBER						
15	Reading Saturdays Open to readers K-12 Bring a Friend					

BIRTHDAYS

1	Cheryl Johnson
4	Jill Jones
6	Allen Johnson Ronald McFarland Jr.
7	Miles Slay
8	Clarence Christian Jr. Henry Foster Chris Lee McCall
10	Myka Suggs Dion Treece Gloria Whitley
12	Jonathan Richardson
15	Joe Ella Darby
17	Naomi Griffin Ida Lewis Trevia Wade
18	Kynadi Greene
19	Beverly Brown
22	Kimberly Covington
25	Florence Kidd Carmelita Perry
28	Carlotta Boone Clarice T. Butler Miranda Christy
29	Ivanetta Davis-Samuels

Fridays

7:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer Call
 Call In #: 712-775-8967
 Code: 342779

Sundays

8:45 a.m. - Sunday Morning Live!
 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service



Daily Bible Readings for July

(July 1, 2018)

Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

SUNDAY, July 1: “Offer Mercy and Forgiveness Freely” (Matthew 18:21-35)

(July 2-8, 2018)

Jesus Criticizes Unjust Leaders

MONDAY, July 2: “A Visual Reminder of the Commandments” (Numbers 15:37-41)

TUESDAY, July 3: “Jesus Fulfills the Law and the Prophets” (Matthew 5:17-20)

WEDNESDAY, July 4: “Craving Attention while Cheating Widows” (Luke 20:45-47)

THURSDAY, July 5: “Doing Is More Important than Speaking” (Matthew 23:5-12)

FRIDAY, July 6: “Keeping People Away from the Kingdom” (Matthew 23:13-15)

SATURDAY, July 7: “Blind Guides Confuse Meaning of Oaths” (Matthew 23:16-22)

SUNDAY, July 8: “Jesus Critical of Scribes and Pharisees” (Matthew 23:1-4, 23-26)

(July 9-15, 2018)

The Widow and the Unjust Judge

MONDAY, July 9: “Ask—God Will Respond” (Luke 11:5-13)

TUESDAY, July 10: “I Always Remember You in Prayer” (Romans 1:7-15)

WEDNESDAY, July 11: “Unceasing Prayer, Essential in Church Ministries” (1 Thessalonians 5:12-18)

THURSDAY, July 12: “God’s Justice for the Widow” (Deuteronomy 10:17-21)

FRIDAY, July 13: “Take Care of Widows Now” (Acts 6:1-6)

SATURDAY, July 14: “The Lord Watches His People” (Psalm 33:18-22)

SUNDAY, July 15: “Keep Insisting until Justice Comes” (Luke 18:1-8)

(July 16-22, 2018)

Entering God’s Kingdom

MONDAY, July 16: “Enter by the Narrow Gate” (Matthew 7:13-14)

TUESDAY, July 17: “Jesus, Gate of Salvation” (John 10:1-10)

WEDNESDAY, July 18: “Stay Connected to Jesus” (John 15:1-11)

THURSDAY, July 19: “By Their Fruits You Will Know” (Matthew 7:15-23)

FRIDAY, July 20: “Hear and Act on the Word” (Matthew 7:24-29)

SATURDAY, July 21: “Abundant Life Today and Eternally” (Mark 10:28-31)

SUNDAY, July 22: “Strive to Enter God’s Kingdom” (Luke 13:22-30)

(July 23-29, 2018)

Parable of the Great Dinner

MONDAY, July 23: “Exemptions from Military Service” (Deuteronomy 20:5-8)

TUESDAY, July 24: “The Wealthy and Kingdom Membership” (Luke 18:18-25)

WEDNESDAY, July 25: “Take Up the Cross and Follow” (Matthew 16:24-28)

THURSDAY, July 26: “My True Mother and Siblings” (Mark 3:31-35)

FRIDAY, July 27: “The Gentiles Will Listen” (Acts 28:23-28)

SATURDAY, July 28: “Count the Cost, Then Follow Me” (Luke 14:25-33)

SUNDAY, July 29: “Everyone Invited to the Great Dinner” (Luke 14:15-24)

(July 30–July 31, 2018)

God’s Justice

MONDAY, July 30: “The Power of the Gospel” (Romans 1:16-17)

TUESDAY, July 31: “Bear Fruits of Repentance” (Luke 3:7-14)

"We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer..."



PRAYER REQUESTS

Sis. Quinester Calloway
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Sis. Rosa Mimms
Christopher Robinson
(Esther Wright's nephew)

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Bro. J.D. Martin
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Ms. Ella Matambo
Macon, GA
(Friend of the Currie Family)

Bro. Derrick McDaniel
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Bro. Willie Taylor
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Bro. Walter Vincent
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