



SERMON NOTES



MATTHEW 2:7-12

PASTOR JAMES B. LOGAN, DMIN

SCRIPTURE

PREACHER

“STEWARDSHIP LESSONS FROM THE WISE MEN”

SERMON TOPIC

POINTS OF POWER

SEASON’S GREETINGS

Dear Messiah Church Family,

This special time of the year is often filled with mixed emotions. Many are happy, and some are sad. But despite our feelings based on certain experiences, we are confident that *Emmanuel* still makes a difference. Through it all *God is with us!*

So, from our house to yours, Merry Christmas and have a great new year! Remember, **GOD IS WITH US!**

Pastor James B. & Lady Virginia Logan
and
Daughters Olivia & Sydney

**MBC VISION 2020
RESTORATION - REVITALIZATION – REPOSITION**

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE
DECEMBER 23, 2018 – 10:45 A.M.
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

THE GATHERING The Praise Team

THE INVOCATION/LORD’S PRAYER Sarai Riddick

THE HYMN OF THE MONTH..... The Youth Choir and Congregation
We’ll Understand It Better By and By

THE WELCOME..... Tyanna Lewis

THE PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

THE TITHING STATEMENT/THE OFFERTORY PRAYER Lena Branez

THE TITHE AND OFFERING..... The Ushers

THE SELECTION The Youth Choir
The Night that Christ was Born

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE All Things Come of Thee (536)

THE LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

ADVENT READING – Peace..... Branden Fuller

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE SONG OF CONSECRATION The Youth Choir
Because of Who You Are

THE SERMON Pastor James B. Logan, D.MIN
“STEWARDSHIP LESSONS FROM THE WISE MEN”
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THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE BENEDICTION Pastor James B. Logan, D.MIN

THREE-FOLD AMEN

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WE WELCOME our visitors who are worshipping with us today. We pray that your visit will be a blessing and a rewarding experience. If you live in the area and do not have a church home, we invite you to become a part of our church family. Pastor Logan and some of our Deacons will be waiting to receive and accept you during the Invitational Hymn. We invite you to come to Jesus and to the love, friendship, and fellowship of our church family. In times like these, we need a Savior. Come to Jesus.

OUR MOTTO: No one cares how much you KNOW until they know how much you CARE!

DEACON DELLA V. HAWKINS gives special reverence to her late husband, **BROTHER GILBERT S. HAWKINS, SR.** on the fifth anniversary of his transition from this life on Christmas Day, 2013.



Altar Flowers

SISTER SHIRLEY EATON (Norwalk, CT) sponsors our altar flowers today in loving memory of her late companion, **BROTHER RAYMOND G. AUSTIN.** He transitioned from this life five years ago on Christmas Day. She sends her love and best wishes to this church family remembering the love and care during her bereavement. She expects to see us soon.

Minister Terrance and Sister Daila Matthews, "WE LOVE YOU."

WELCOME TO Oriental Chapter No. 8 Order of Eastern Stars State of Connecticut Prince Hall Affiliation - Mabel E. Ferrell, Worthy Matron; Alejandro Ramos, Jr. Worthy Patron. They are worshipping with us for St. John's Day.



TO: LADY VIRGINIA C. LOGAN!!

We pray that God's blessings and favor be bestowed upon you in the years ahead. Peace and Blessing.

-Your Church Family

SPECIAL THANK YOU: Thank you for making this year's Christmas Cantata such a spectacular event. Sometimes words cannot adequately describe the richness of an experience. This is one of those times.

I am grateful to God for the synergy of the singers, musicians, dancers, and soloists, and for what He is doing at Messiah with us and through us. As Pastor Logan says, "Team work makes the dream work."

Thank you for being the team. -Jqb (Jonathan Q. Berryman)

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY (Noonday and evening) is recessed and will resume on January 9, 2019.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE is Monday, December 31st at 11:00 p.m.

IN THE HOSPITAL: Deacon Carrie Billups is in Bridgeport Hospital; and Brother Joseph Green is in St. Vincent's Medical Center.

WE EXTEND CONDOLENCES TO Deacon Ted (Deacon Joe Ann) Meekins and Officer Carnetha Padgett and family on the passing of their brother, John Meekins, in Ohio; and to Brother Prentice (Sister Bonita) Fuller and

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family on the passing of his grandmother in Delaware. We convey sincere sympathy to the Church family of Holy City Church of God In Christ, here in Bridgeport, on the passing of their Pastor, Rev. Kevin D. Ginyard, Sr. The 'Clergy' community and Interdenominational Ministers Alliance (IMA); which he was most recent past president, mourn the sudden death of their fellow servant.



ADRIENNE B. MCNEILL. She finished this semester with an A- and an A in her classes. Congratulations!!



THE SYMBOLS OF KWANZAA

KWANZAA

DEC. 26 - JAN. 1

A CELEBRATION OF FAMILY,
COMMUNITY AND CULTURE



THE GIFTS OF KWANZAA

Kwanzaa is a week-long celebration held in the United States and in other nations of the West [African diaspora](#) in the Americas. The celebration honors African heritage in [African-American culture](#).

**THE THEME 2018: "Reimagining and Remaking the World:
A Kwanzaa Commitment to an Inclusive Good"**

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Friends and Family
GATHER HERE

FOR
WORSHIP
AND



NEXT SUNDAY!DECEMBER 30TH

Invite your family and friends to worship with us.

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THE TITHE AND OFFERING ENVELOPES-2019



The tithes and offering envelopes for 2019 are in the narthex. Our ushers will assist you. They are for members of Messiah. As a reminder to our members, you have until next Sunday to fulfill your commitment.

