



SERMON NOTES



**THE ORDER OF SERVICE
DECEMBER 24, 2017 – 10:45 A.M.
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

MATTHEW 2:10-13
SCRIPTURE

PASTOR JAMES B. LOGAN
PREACHER

“DON’T LET A GRINCH STEAL YOUR CHRISTMAS”

SERMON TOPIC

POINTS OF POWER

Horizontal lines for writing sermon notes and points of power.

THE GATHERING The Praise Team

THE INVOCATION/LORD’S PRAYER..... Pulpit Associate

THE WELCOME Pulpit Associate

THE PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

THE TITHING STATEMENT/THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE TITHE AND OFFERING The Ushers

Love

THE SELECTION The Youth Choir

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCEAll Things Come of Thee (536)

THE LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

ADVENT READING –Love Deacon Henry Purefoy

Silent Night

THE CHANT The Youth Choir

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

Now Behold the Lamb

THE SONG OF CONSECRATION..... The Youth Choir

THE SERMON Pastor James B. Logan

“DON’T LET A GRINCH STEAL YOUR CHRISTMAS”

MATTHEW 2:10-13

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE BENEDICTION Pastor James B. Logan

THREE-FOLD AMEN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.*

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

DEACON DELLA V. HAWKINS placed the bouquet of flowers on the altar in loving memory of her husband, **BROTHER GILBERT S. HAWKINS, SR.**

SISTER SHIRLEY EATON (Norwalk, CT) sponsored our altar flowers in loving memory of her companion, **BROTHER RAYMOND G. AUSTIN.**

They transitioned from this life four years ago on Christmas Day.

"THANK YOU" to our congregation (members and friends) for your support of our Angel Tree project that serves children, youth and their families. Special thanks to Sister Erlene Dennis for her beautiful poem, ³Little Angels² in our Messiah Christmas Card that accompanied every gift. Thank you to Marilyn Rosado, whose willing spirit and creative talents helped to make this year's Angel Tree not only beautiful but successful. Thank you to the committee and to Sister. Jean McCord who kept them on track! -Coordinator, Sister Mary Ellen Tatten

OUR WOMEN IN PRAYER MINISTRY is preparing for a Prayer Vigil. The 'Vigil' will be held on January 19th. Flyers are available.

IN THE HOSPITAL: Brother Charles E. Ross is in the Veteran's Hospital in West Haven, CT and Sister Yvonne Bailey is in Maefair Health Care Center in Trumbull, CT.

WE EXTEND CONDOLENCES TO the family of Sister Antoinette Brown who transitioned from this life, yet to be determined; Brother Victor Ragsdale on the passing of his brother, Waverly Ragsdale, who was funeralized at Mt. Aery Baptist Church on yesterday; and Sister Inez Burton on the passing of her sister-in-law in Virginia.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS FROM the family of Trustee Ashley Morris for your prayers during her illness; and your kind expressions of sympathy and special care provided to them during their season of bereavement. Also, to those who attended and supported the Sunday School Christmas program on last Sunday morning.

MEMBERSHIP PROFILE UPDATE: We ask and remind you to complete or update your membership profile for the church office. There are and may be the times when we can be of assistance in emergency situations. Your information is kept confidential and private.

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THE TITHE AND OFFERING ENVELOPES-2018



The tithes and offering envelopes for 2018 are in the narthex. They are for members of Messiah. There are special envelopes for visitors and special offerings on the table in the narthex. As a reminder to our members, you have until next Sunday (our last deposit of the year) to fulfill your financial commitment to God and His Church for this year; which includes the *Sacrificial offering*, as well.

THE HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

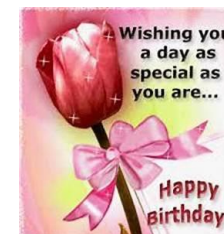
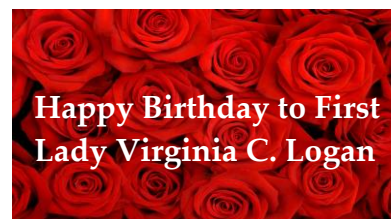
- ✚ **DECEMBER 31ST - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- ✚ **DECEMBER 31ST - WATCH NIGHT SERVICE AT 11:00 P.M.**
- ✚ **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES ARE RECESSED** and will resume on January 10, 2018.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF FREE CLOTHING: The staff is taking a break for the Holiday Season and will be back on January 10, 2018.

FREE LUNCH: The service of free lunch on Wednesdays is recessed for the Holiday Season and will be announced again soon.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS: We are still seeking donations of food to support the Council of Churches Hunger Outreach Network. A list of items needed is available in the narthex. Please note that prepackaged and canned food should be low-sodium, low sugar and low fat. Many of the patrons of the food pantries suffer from diet-related diseases, such as type2diabetes and heart disease. Collection boxes are in the narthex.

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From The Messiah Baptist Church Family

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MERRY CHRISTMAS WITH HOPE, PEACE, JOY, AND LOVE.

*Pastor James & Lady Virginia Logan and family
The Officers and Staff of Messiah Baptist Church*