

SERMON NOTES

PASTOR JAMES B. LOGAN **SCRIPTURE PREACHER** "REMEMBER WHAT GOD SAID THIS YEAR!" **SERMON TOPIC POINTS OF POWER**

THE ORDER OF SERVICE DECEMBER 31, 2017 – 10:45 A.M.

THE GATHERING The Praise Team
THE INVOCATION/LORD'S PRAYER Pulpit Associate
THE WELCOME
THE PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS
THE TITHING STATEMENT/THE OFFERTORY PRAYER
THE TITHE AND OFFERING
THE SELECTION
THE OFFERTORY SENTENCEAll Things Come of Thee (536)
Never Would Have Made It THE CHANT The Mass Choir THE PASTORAL PRAYER
For Every Mountain
THE SONG OF CONSECRATION The Mass Choir
THE SERMONPastor James B. Logan "REMEMBER WHAT GOD SAID THIS YEAR"
THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP
THE BENEDICTION
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!

TODAY IS "FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY" ...ALONG WITH "JAZZ IN THE SANCTUARY". Pastor Logan's special pulpit guests: The Crawford/Johnson Family (Corlette Crawford and Fred Johnson and Mr. Johnson). WE WELCOME friends and families who are worshipping with us today and we thank our disciples for inviting them.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE begins this evening at 11:00 p.m. Join us as we enter the New Year in the Spirit of worship and praise.

DISCIPLES OF MESSIAH: Our Annual Church Meeting has been scheduled for Friday, January 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We are making preparation and invite you to come and hear the 'state of the church' and other information which will be shared.

OUR THEME FOR 2018: "Stewardship is Heart Work" Psalm 24:1; Colossians 3:23-24

A PRAYER VIGIL: Our Women In Prayer Ministry is preparing for its first Prayer Vigil in 2018. The 'Vigil' will be held on January 19th beginning at 6:00 p.m. The theme is "Genuine Prayer and Heart Work Shift into Stewardship" focusing on The Praying Church, The Power of Prayer, Genuine Heart Work, Faith and Service. Flyers are available.

THANK YOU: My sincere appreciation and thanks for the kind expressions and well wishes for my birthday! It was truly love in action...May God bless you abundantly! -Lady Logan

THANK YOU TO OUR MESSIAH CHURCH FAMILY for the beautiful Christmas cards and other expressions of love during this time of the year. -Rev. Dr. James B. & Lady Virginia Logan, Olivia and Sydney

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES ARE RECESSED and will resume on January 10, 2018.

IN THE HOSPITAL: Brother Charles E. Ross is in the Veteran's Hospital in West Haven, CT and Sister Yvonne Bailey is in Bishop Wicke Health and Rehabilitation Center, 584 Long Hill Avenue, Shelton, CT.

WE EXTEND CONDOLENCES TO the family of Sister Antoinette Brown. In communication with her daughter, a Memorial Service will be scheduled. The interment has been done at the convenience of the family.

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EXPRESSION OF THANKS FROM Brother Victor Ragsdale and family; and Sister Inez Burton and family for your kind expressions of sympathy during their time of bereavement.

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.

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, today is our last deposit of the year; and for you to fulfill your financial commitment to God and His Church for this year; which includes the *Sacrifical offering*, as well.

SNOW EMERGENCY: BUILDING CLOSING AND/OR CANCELLATIONS. We use the following media for cancellations:

- MESSIAH'S WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK
- WICC RADIO
- CHANNELS 8 AND 12
- OUR TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Please call 203 368-2405 ext. 32 for cancellations at church.

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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"A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU!"