



## SERMON NOTES

JOHN 15:12-17  
SCRIPTURE

MINISTER WALTER FULTON  
PREACHER

**"RELATIONSHIP OF BELIEVERS TO EACH OTHER"**

SERMON TOPIC

POINTS OF POWER

MBC VISION 2020  
RESTORATION - REVITALIZATION – REPOSITION

## THE ORDER OF SERVICE NOVEMBER 10, 2019 – 10:45 A.M.

THE GATHERING ..... The Praise Team

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION/ THE LORD'S PRAYER .....Pulpit Associate

THE WELCOME .....Pulpit Associate

THE PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS  
Sister Keandra Snider/Pulpit Associate

THE TITHING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER .....Pulpit Associate

THE TITHE AND OFFERING ..... The Ushers

THE SELECTION ..... The Men's Chorus  
God's Grace

THE SERMON..... Minister Walter Fulton  
**"RELATIONSHIP OF BELIEVERS TO EACH OTHER"**  
**JOHN 15:12-17**

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE PRAYER AND BENEDICTION ..... Minister Walter Fulton

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

On behalf of our Pastor, Rev. Dr. James B. and First Lady Virginia Logan, 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. The Clergy 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!*

**GOD'S BLESSINGS UPON** Pastor Logan as he preaches two services (8:00 and 11:00 a.m.) today at Convent Avenue Baptist Church on this their "Official Board Sunday".

**THIS IS OUR ANNUAL VETERAN'S DAY SERVICE.** We have our Veterans and First Responders (fire and police departments); which some of them could not be here today. We say thank you to each and all of you, as well as those visiting. **Thank you for your service and may God continue to bless you.**

**NEXT SUNDAY**, in lieu of an afternoon service, we will celebrate our Deacons and Trustees during morning worship service, on their 'Annual Day'.

**SAT., NOV. 16<sup>TH</sup>** our Black History Ministry sponsors a bus trip to the Dempsey Theater in New York to see the stage play, **The Empty Box, (Gospel Musical)**. You are invited to come along. It's only \$78.00; which includes the bus and theater. Reservations are available in the choir room following worship service.

**A FALL FESTIVAL IS COMING! SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>.**

**BEGINNING AT 9:00 A.M.**, in Rev. Reuben E. Williams Hall, our Women In Prayer Ministry will sponsor its Fall Bazaar with shopping and browsing through a variety of merchandise from local vendors. Lunch will be available. **AT 2:00 P.M.** our Men's Chorus will host **"Oh that Men will Praise the Lord"**, a musical program featuring our Men's Chorus, The Bridgeport Boys Choir, Brother Olin Dorsey and other special guests from the Bridgeport/Stratford area. Tickets are available in the choir room after service, from our choir members and the church office. Donation: \$10.00

**SUNDAY, DEC. 1<sup>ST</sup>** our Pastor's Aid Ministry will host our **"First Lady Appreciation Day"**; which includes tributes in the sanctuary and refreshments in Rev. Reuben E. Williams Hall. You are invited to convey your appreciation in your own special way. All are invited.

**WED. NOV. 13<sup>TH</sup>** ..... 12:00 noon. .... Bible Study

**WED. NOV. 13<sup>TH</sup>** ..... 6:30 p.m. .... Prayer and Praise; and Adult Bible Study. The Combined Ushers will lead the Prayer Service.

**WED., NOV. 13<sup>TH</sup>** ..... 7:00 p.m. .... Children Bible Study

**FRIDAYS (1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup>)** ..... 6:30 p.m. .... Youth/Young Adults

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**IN THE HOSPITAL:** Sister Elizabeth Braxton is in St. Vincent's Medical Center.

**EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS FROM** Sister Mamie Williams for your prayers, visits, calls, and love while she was in the hospital.

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27<sup>TH</sup> 11:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.** we will host our **'Community Thanksgiving Dinner'** in Rev. Reuben E. Williams Hall. This is free and available to everyone...whoever comes to sit and enjoy dinner. Deacon Patricia E. Holland is the event coordinator. She needs your help...We need your help. Please see or contact her or church office staff to see what you can do to help. i.e., cook, set up, clean up, serve, and more. We do this together! Flyers are available.

**MESSIAH BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY**, as always, will be involved in a number of projects during the months of November and December....helping and giving; which include support to the Bridgeport Rescue Mission "Great Thanksgiving Project" at Webster Bank Arena, distributing approximately 900 gifts to residents of several nursing homes, the Angel Tree is in the narthex, food items to food pantries, food gift cards for Christmas, etc. Ministry leaders, please check your mailboxes. You have correspondence from Sister Mary Ellen Tatten, our Ministry of Community Affairs; and Sister Deborah R. Tisdale who is Chair of the Outreach to Nursing Homes this year. Please help and give as you can. We are blessed to be a blessing.

**A SOULFUL WEDNESDAY** (Pick up a flyer from the narthex)

We have free clothing and items available on **Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.** in our Memorial Hall. We ask that if you need or know someone that needs clothing come and take them. There are ready to wear (new and nearly new) items for the entire family. Thanks to all the volunteers and donors, also. We are blessing people every week! If you have fall and winter clothes to donate, please bring them to Memorial Hall during the week.

**FREE LUNCH** is served every Wednesday, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

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### THE SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

*Special  
Offering*

As requested by Pastor Logan, we re giving sacrificially between now and December 1<sup>st</sup>. The sacrificial offering envelopes are on the tables in the narthex and the administrative area or ask an usher.

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**WEDNESDAYS** ..... **6:00 - 6:15 A.M.**  
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