

Celebrating 100 Years Deacon James G. Smalls



- Barbra Holmes ~ Aug. 6th
- Phillis Freeman ~ Aug. 4th
- Willie Mae Simmons-Jenkins ~ Aug. 8th
- Quinton E. Smalls ~ Aug. 11th
- Abyssina Bandoi ~ Aug. 15th
- Julia "Sunshine" Doe ~ Aug. 16th
- Kenard Holmes ~ Aug. 17th
- Shyvette White ~ Aug. 17th
- Natalie Lipski ~ Aug. 21st
- Jimmy Pollock ~ Aug. 23rd
- Lavern Holmes Aug. 23rd
- Rosyia Greene ~ Aug. 26th
- Curtis Williams ~ Aug. 27th
- Nehemiah Middleton ~ Aug. 28th
- Arthermae Alston ~ Aug. 29th



- Aug. 3rd ~ Deacon Walter & Margie Mack
- Aug. 9th ~ Jimmy & Lenetta Pollock
- Aug. 18th ~ David & Shyvette White
- Aug. 20th ~ Benjamin & Madline Alston
- Aug. 23rd ~ Ronald & Shirley M. Patterson
- Aug. 31st ~ Danny & Sandra Gardner
- Aug. 31st ~ Michael & Cynthia Smalls

A Seniors' Perspective

He Said It, He Meant It

GOD told Noah to build an Ark because He was going to cover the earth with a flood.

He Said It, He Meant It

GOD told Abraham you will have a son to inherit everything you own.

He Said It, He Meant It

GOD showed Joseph in a dream the sun, moon and the eleven stars bowed low before him.

He Said It, He Meant It

GOD told Moses he would see the promise land but not enter into it.

He Said It, He Meant It

GOD said He would send His Son, His Son would love us to death!

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Luke 21:34-36 GOD sends us a message regarding His return. (Please read it)

He Said It, He Meant It

Submitted by,
Sister A. Gaither



Redeeming the time." These words are part of the verse of scripture located at **Ephesians 5:16**. Our Holy Scripture is full of directives, suggestions and admonitions. All of this is for the welfare of mankind. For most of us there are some lessons that are more easily learned and kept than others. The temptation is to really shine where we are strong. The companion temptation is to ignore or minimize those matters that are more challenging to us. This, as well as all other temptations, must be resisted. The particular temptation we confront today is the ignoring and wasting of time. Many of us are plagued with the weakness of not using time wisely. We tend to argue that that simply is not true for us. However, before we close the door on this possibly being for us, let us consider these things.

The most obvious failure at "redeeming the time" is when we are not on task. We simply fail to do the things we should when we should. Perhaps it is an oversight. Maybe we just failed to understand where we should be and/or what we should be doing. If that is the case, then we need to be put on task. With guidance from the appropriate person, we should soon return to "redeeming the time."

Another possible reason for being off task may simply be that we have decided that something else is more important. In this case, we re-order priorities. Now, the matter to which we are giving our attention may be important. The most vital matter, though, is whether it is the task for that time. If it is not, then we are out of order, and we need to resume the established order of priorities.

Another perhaps less obvious failure at "redeeming the time" is somewhat tricky. In this case, the person is on task. The worker is present. The real issue is not presence, but productivity. Do we realize when we are being tempted to be in place, yet do little or nothing? We must remind ourselves that it is an assignment in kingdom-building. As such, it deserves prompt, quality attention. Be reminded that our work speaks of us and our Savior

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even when we are absent. What would another believer or an unbeliever conclude about us and our Savior upon review of our work? So, "redeeming the time" in this case refers to quality-production in a timely manner.

One of the most powerful ways of offering a most powerful testimony is by "redeeming the time." Wasted or misused time is never reclaimed. The Apostle Paul admonishes the Saints at Ephesus, Bethesda, and beyond regarding avoiding sinful lusts, walking carefully, and "redeeming the time."

It is my prayer that we take heed.

Shalom, my Friends,
Pastor Kenneth C. Doe

"A CALL TO PRAY"

1. Pray without ceasing:
1 Thessalonians 5: 17
2. Make your request known to God:
Philippians 4:6
3. Cry out to God:
Psalm 55: 17
 - a. Morning- ----- 6:00am
 - b. Noon- ----- 12:00 noon
 - c. Evening- ----- 6:00pm
 - d. Midnight- ----- 12:00 Midnight

We are praying for the body of Christ to rise to the occasion with a spirit of BOLDNESS so the world can see JESUS:

FOCUS PRAYER:

1. Souls for the Kingdom: Revelation 2 and 3 ... "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." Jeremiah 6: 11-17
2. Against the spirit of fear 2 Timothy 1:7
3. The peace of God: Philippians 4:7
4. Spiritual Healing and Physical Healing: Isaiah 53:5; Jeremiah 17: 14
5. The love of God to abide within us: 1 John 2:15-17

NOTE: Suggested scriptures:

Psalm 50, 142, 141, 91, 90, 46-49 etc.

1. **Deacon Fields** ~ Beaufort, Port Royal, Parris Island, Hardeeville, Ridgeland
2. **Deacon Fields Until Further Notice** ~ Laurel Bay, Grays Hill, Seabrook, Dale, Sheldon, Jenkins, Burton, Big Estate

3. **Deacon Holmes** ~ Warsaw, Lady's Island, Oaks
4. **Deacon Middleton** ~ Saxonville and Seaside road
5. **Deacon Rivers** ~ Lands End, Scott, Orange Grove, Ann Fripp, Tombee, Corner
6. **Deacon Bailey** ~ Indian Hill, Tom Fripp, John Fripp, Cedar Grove, Molly Hill, Folly Road, Coffin Point
7. **Deacon Glover** ~ Wallace, Edding Point, Croft, Mary Jenkins

Prayer Plan and Assignments

~In this plan, all wards are identified by their Deacon leader.

1. Deacons Fields and Elliott ~ GROUP 1
2. Deacons Holmes and Bailey ~ GROUP 2
3. Deacons Middleton and Rivers ~ GROUP 3
4. Deacon Glover ~ GROUP 4

~Each group will begin with this assignment:

- GROUP 1 - 6 A.M. -Focus 1
- GROUP 2 -12 NOON -Focus 2
- GROUP 3 - 6 P.M. -Focus 3
- GROUP 4 -12 MIDNIGHT -Focus 4

~Each Successive week, each Group will move down to the next focus.

~The length of the prayer time is less important than the intensity of the prayer time.

Thank You For Your Cooperation. GOD BLESS

First Sermon as Pastor!

Sunday August 3rd, 1975
Happy Anniversary

Pastor Kenneth C. Doe





Dr. Ardra Davis-Tolbert

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder/ Attention Deficit Disorder (ADHD/ADD)

As we prepare to begin the school year, there are many things we make sure are in place and ready in order for our kids to have a great start: supplies, clothes, food, etc. Our focus in this article is to prepare children with ADHD/ADD for a great school year. ADHD/ADD does not affect all children but some of the tools for success definitely can apply to ALL children.

ADHD and ADD are conditions where children have a difficulty concentrating and staying focused. They are forgetful, easy to distract and disorganized. They can sometimes exhibit impulsive and restless behaviors. The symptoms of ADHD/ADD can make it difficult for a child to learn and perform successfully in the classroom. A diagnosis is confirmed with the help of parents, teachers and physicians.

If your child has been diagnosed or you suspect a component of this condition, it is important to express concerns with your physician who can guide you down the pathway of further testing. There are prescription medications used to help minimize the symptoms associated with ADHD/ADD. These can be reviewed with your physician. The goal in this article is to give us the home tools and skills we can implement to help our children succeed.

Here are 10 steps to helping your child succeed:

- 1. Provide Consistency**

a. These kids do better with structure and routine. The location for homework should be the same area, clutter free and free of any distractions.

- 2. Do the most difficult homework assignments first.**

a. More difficult subjects are easier to accomplish when the brain is fresh.

Remember, over time, it becomes more difficult to stay focused.

- 3. Consider using "medical" foods**

a. These are considered vitamins. They are called Vayarin. They are not over the counter but have to be written as a prescription. It takes a while to notice a difference. Maybe worth a try.

- 4. Notify all parties involved ASAP**

a. It is important to meet with all teachers involved. You will be your child's best advocate. Your meeting should be to identify your child's strength and to make sure everyone is on the same page.

- 5. Healthy home behaviors**

a. Eating breakfast every morning and getting enough rest (8-10 hours) each night are vital.

- 6. Organize**

Organize the back pack each day right after work is completed. It is less likely that the homework will be left at home or not turned in.

- 7. Use resources**

a. If possible, use computers as a way of communicating and keeping up with assignments. Remember, the student's challenge is recall and staying on task. Other options are to write down or text reminders so the child has something visible to refer to.

- 8. Encourage physical activity**

a. Allow physical activity every day. It is good for discipline and the refreshing the brain.

- 9. Establish a plan**

a. Look in to establishing a 504 plan. This places the school on notice that the child may need special accommodations. An example is extra books at home because textbooks are often times forgotten and left at school. Please talk to your physician or school counselor to find out how to begin this process.

- 10. BREATHE!**

a. Children with ADHD/ADD can be successful. They think differently than most kids and we have to figure out how to appreciate and facilitate their process of learning. Despite frequent episodes of frustration, it is critical for us to **CONTINUE** to encourage them to use their unique way of thinking for the GOOD!

**HAVE A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR!
EDUCATION IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS!!**

CHURCH'S MISSION STATEMENT AND VISION REVISITED

Our church's Mission Statement and Vision are shared again in this issue. The beginning of the calendar year seems an appropriate time to focus on these matters. Any Christian church or fellowship must have a clear, Holy Bible generated Mission Statement.

This might be compared to the heart in the human body or the engine in an automobile. It is most essential. The Mission Statement is the general, over-arching goal of the church.

The Vision might be called the meat on the bones. The Vision includes those particular matters (Visions) that the Lord wills for that church to embrace in fulfilling its goal.

The function of every branch of ministry in our church must be rooted in this church's Mission Statement and Vision. There are to be no independent satellites in the local church. So, while each ministry works out its particular function through those called or given to that work, all of the parts are integral to the one body.

Prayerfully read and be joined (again) with these critical components of our church.

BETHESDA'S MISSION STATEMENT

As a Christian fellowship, we seek to fulfill the biblical mandate to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the world. It is our sincere intent to participate with the Lord in the salvation of the lost, the reclaiming of backsliders, the maturing of our fellowship, and serving as "salt and light" in our community and the world.

As agents for God in His reconciling purpose for the world, we are committed to exploring in depth the theological bases the Holy Bible offers for Christian World Mission. In pursuing this, we affirm the relatedness of the church's Mission to every phase of life and work of the church.

Consequently, it is imperative that the entire congregation be involved in our Church's Mission. We engage to maintain an effective education program regarding this mission.

*cf. **Matthew 28:19-20, 4:19; Mark 1:17; Acts 1:8, 2:38; II Corinthians 5:17-21; Ephesians 2:13-22**

GOD'S VISION FOR BETHESDA

Without a Vision, the People Perish" (Proverbs 29:18) With a view toward understanding the VISION proper, it seems wise and necessary to express the connection

between our church's mission statement and "God's Vision" for this house. The "mission statement is the over-arching, general expression of God's will for this church.

Evangelism~ the making of disciples, Christian Education~ providing sound biblical teaching for sustaining and maturing in the Lord, and an on-going openness to the continual move of the Spirit of God as revealed in His Word, provide the understanding, the umbrella under which the Lord orchestrates specific directives to individual churches and ministries.

So, in the local church, the instructions/directives given by the Lord through the Pastor constitute God's VISION for that local assembly. The VISION, while specific, does not necessarily include every step in bringing forth each aspect of the VISION. Many things are worked out among church leadership and the congregation.

In the VISION, the Lord gives the rallying point (s) around which all believers in that church are to convene. So, through God's sovereign will, He orders the steps of each believer (Psalm 37:23) to participate in His plan (VISION) for that place. Here is an illustration that may better express or clarify the source and function of the VISION.

It is the Lord who takes His leader for that fellowship to that certain place. Here, that leader is shown "the way" to heaven, our destination. Between where that fellowship stands and its destination, the Lord reveals His will for those certain ministries that this church must implement, support, and/or work out. This revelation of specifics (the VISION) is a direct fleshing out of those general affirmations of the church's Mission Statement. Also, the Lord's revelation of His VISION for that house need not include every matter between the present and destiny. After all, seasons of ministry change. The work of one season should set the framework for the VISION for the next.

So, accurate assessment of the VISION for the present age bridges from those ministries already functioning through those being called forth into existence.

The next article in this series will give an overview of existing ministries as well as those being called into existence by our Lord. This article and the next share a comprehensive understanding of where we have been brought and where the Lord is

taking us (the VISION).

We are careful to remember that all Glory, Honor, and Praise belong to our Lord alone. While encouraged and humbled by His Grace and Mercy, we are "Walking in Excellence."

Fulfilling Our Mission and Vision Through Ministries

Seeking to understand God's unfolding plan for our church family, we build on the Mission and Vision Statements offered earlier. How are those general sentences of the Mission Statement and the more specific assignments of the Vision being fleshed out among us? It would probably help if we would consult the last issue of The Herald and acquaint ourselves with these important items. This issue shares a list of ministries currently in operation. Please know that individual or group listings do not necessarily reflect all items or acts of ministry occurring in that ministry. This list gives indications of the parameter or scope of ministries we are currently effecting. During future issues individual ministries will be highlighted. We, as members of the family or fellowship of believers, must continue to seek ways and be open to the leading of our LORD concerning ministries. Through dedicated Godly leaders, committed followers/participants, commitment to the ongoing maturing of our fellowship, and relentless dedication to sharing the gospel message locally and abroad, we remain ready to hear and heed the voice of God. We remain consistently involved in becoming all He desires us to be. So, those ministries already listed are the core of current involvement. We must know, though, that our LORD'S Vision for this house continues to be revealed. Our LORD desires the completion of our next phase of building. This facility, whether it is called a family life center, activities center or whatever, will permit much ministry development. Consider this: Bethesda Academy, a graded school, will be housed; an industrial kitchen, supporting the school and other community outreach, will be included; our physical plant could then support clothing storage and a food pantry; seniors of our fellowship and community could enjoy a meeting space; afterschool programs will be housed; health and vision screenings for the young and old could be accommodated; children and seniors in need could receive grooming perks with our blessings. The possibilities

continue to flow. Some of these things will begin in our current plant. We will soon develop and initiate a "weekend hotline." This will be a resource for teens who may be out and about, finding themselves in need of counsel. "The last stop" ministry will offer compassion, the gospel, and a snack to those in the streets who need and desire to clarify things before going home. Also, the LORD desires us to be a location offering Bible College and Seminary instruction for those desiring and needing it. We must also seek to develop, implement or simply house ministries that focus on helping under-employed persons and single parents needing to improve their employability by gaining skills for better employment. So, you see the future holds much work. What is currently in place is in no way conclusive. We continue to seek God's face concerning new ministries.

Shalom, my Friends
Pastor Kenneth C. Doe

Bethesda Ministries

Administration
African Christian Fellowship, International Altar Workers Ministry
Audio/Video Ministry
Bethesda Herald Newsletter, Bible Study Brotherhood, Deacons Ministry
Deaconess Ministry
Episodic Evangelistic Outreach Ministry
Gospel Drill Team Ministry
Intercessory Prayer,
Jail and Prison Ministries
Junior and Senior Praise Dancers
Kitchen Ministry, Male Chorus
Marriage Ministry, Mime Ministry
Ministry of the Word (Spoken Word)
Missionary Ministry
New Convert/Member Ministry
Ongoing Community Outreach Ministry
Senior Sanctuary Choir, Senior Ushers
Singles Ministry, Sunbeam Choir
Sunday School, Transportation Ministry
Trustees Ministry,
Tuesday Evening Academy
Vacation Bible School, Voices of Victory
Wednesday Evening Academy
Women Chorus,
Women of Excellence Ministry
Young Men Young Women,
Youth Choir
Youth Crusade/Revival
Youth Ushers