



LaDonna Holmes ~ September 11th
 F. Marguerite King ~ September 19th
 Alvin Williams ~ September 21st
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 Mahiki K. Holmes ~ September 25th
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August Sermon Recap



August 2nd ~ Free but, Not Cheap
Hebrews 9:13-15
August 9th ~ The Power of Prayer and Thanksgiving
Psalms 136:1-26
August 16th ~ GOD and GOD Alone
Matthew 6:25-34
August 23rd ~ Informed Praise
Isaiah 46:8-11
August 30th ~ Secured from the Wrath of GOD
1 Thessalonians 5:6-11

Voice your Vote 2020

YOUR VOTE MATTERS.

Voting is one of the most important rights and responsibilities that U.S. citizens have. Nobody can force a citizen to vote but voting lets us, the people, tell the government what they want it to do. Voting was designed to maximize the power of the people, that's its true power. In times of racial, social and institutional inflection, we have the power to choose our leaders. Voting lets us tell the government what we want it to do. If citizens want change, more services, lower taxes, racial equality, etc. We can vote for someone who will promise to spend funds the way you want. Sheriffs, our Police Chiefs, our District Attorneys, our Mayors and our Judges are people we put in powerful spaces, facilitate the change we demand, or block the future we deserve and they are on the ballot every year, which is why voting is much bigger than the Presidency. It's not easy, democracy is messy – and being American requires action in the streets and on the ballot.

How You Can Make a Difference!

- By choosing our leaders and changing our laws by voting.
 - If you're 18 or older, vote in every federal, state, and local election.
 - Learn about the candidates and issues before you vote in any election.
 - Know what's going on in your country and community.
 - Respect your right to vote!
- It's a privilege that many people in the world don't have.

Reasons to Vote

- **Did you know that the turn out in most communities is under 50%?**
- **Every vote matters!**
- **It's YOUR constitutional right and a privilege.** Every citizen of the United States has right to vote. Let your voice be heard.
- **If you don't vote for your own interests, who will?**
- **"Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the people and burn their behinds, then they will have to sit on their blisters" – Abraham Lincoln**
- **Young voters account for half of the voting population, making them a powerful political force.** Young people need to vote to directly influence issues that might affect their lives for years to come.
- **It is easier than ever to be an educated voter.**
- **You may not care now but you will in the near future.**
- **Voting is a right that generations of Americans have struggled to win.**
- **Everyone has a voice and wants to be heard in one way or another,**

THIS IS YOUR VOICE. LET IT BE HEARD!

Registration deadlines:
 By mail - Oct 5
 Online - Oct 4
 In person - Oct 2



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announced, is the Christian's first loyalty, above all others. We pray, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10). Our faith is personal but never private, meant not only for heaven but for this earth. The question we face is this: Who is Jesus Christ for us to day? What does our loyalty to Christ, as disciples, require at this moment in our history? We believe it is time to renew our theology of public discipleship and witness. Applying what "Jesus is Lord" means today is the message we commend as elders to our churches. What we believe leads us to what we must reject. Our "Yes" is the foundation for our "No." What we confess as our faith leads to what we confront. Therefore, we offer the following six affirmations of what we believe, and the resulting rejections of practices and policies by political leaders which dangerously corrode the soul of the nation and deeply threaten the public integrity of our faith. We pray that we, as followers of Jesus, will find the depth of faith to match the danger of our political crisis.

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Census Deadline is Sept. 30

Be Counted

Complete Your Census

The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data. The results of the census also determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and they are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

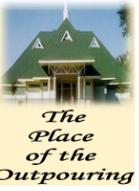


Then It Came To Me...

"...Walking in the Power of the Holy Spirit." Are the "spiritual" and "earthbound" aspects of life mutually exclusive? Is there some measure of synthesis, or coming together, of the two? All of the time? Some of the time? How do my spiritual beliefs impact my earthly existence? My beloved, in biblical Christianity, the believers' earthly life is a spiritual matter. Christianity informs and influences all of life. For the Christian, all of life is sacred, and all life is sacred. We exist in a society dominated by western thoughts and values. Unfortunately, western thought maintains a strict compartmentalization of life. In this way of thinking, one's life can and does maintain the sacred and the secular, the holy and the unholy, Christian and pagan ideals. We realize that in this world, the sacred and secular, holy and unholy, Christian and pagan separations are real and appropriate. These ways of the world cannot, however, be appropriated in the believer. II Corinthians 5:17 explicitly states, "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." Consequently, all pursuits for the Christian, becomes Christian. How is this done? How do we pursue life God style? Christians must be aligned with, connected to and committed to one life-force, the Holy Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit is identified as our Comforter, Guide, and Teacher. Through Him, we are empowered to live as "new creatures." Jesus Christ promises the Holy Spirit: John 14:15-18a, "If you love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless." Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria,

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and unto the uttermost part of the earth." The fulfillment of Jesus' promise is recorded in Acts 2. Acts 2:4, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Saints, we are heirs, recipients, and participants in this promise of our Lord. Through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit of God, we are empowered. As we see ourselves as our Lord sees us, eternal spiritual beings traveling through the boundaries we call time, we will understand that this is only accomplished by, "Walking In The Power Of The Holy Spirit!!"

Shalom, my Friends,
 Pastor Kenneth C. Doe

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

As children of God, we must understand that our heavenly Father is good. His chief goal in our lives is to make us the best people we can possibly be. Everything He does as He deals with us in our Christian lives is to develop our potential to the greatest degree possible. On the other hand, Satan is totally evil. Jesus gave us Satan's job description in John 10:10, when He said, "The thief cometh not, but to steal, and to kill, and to destroy." To better understand who God is, let's look at the attributes and characteristics of God, which He has revealed about Himself in His Word.

Attributes of GOD

GOD Is:

1. Spirit
2. Holy ~ He has never been touched by sin.
3. Eternal ~ He has always existed.
4. Infinite ~ Without limits, except when He has limited Himself by His Word.
5. Omnipresent ~ Everywhere at once.
6. Omniscient ~ All knowing.
7. Omnipotent ~ All mighty.
8. Truth- ~ He never, ever lies.
9. Just ~ 100 percent fair in His actions with us.
10. Righteous ~ Totally good.
11. Life ~ He isn't just alive ... He is Life.
12. Unchangeable ~ "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above

and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no there is no variation or shadow of turning" (James 1:17).

13. Sovereign ~ Absolute supreme ruler. But His sovereignty is in complete harmony with His other attributes. God never, ever steps out of character in anyone of His attributes.
14. Love ~ He is the most loving personality in the universe.
15. Faithful ~ Absolutely trustworthy.
16. Merciful ~ Beyond human comprehension.
17. Provident ~ Watches over and cares for His creation.

God's attributes never get out of balance with each other.
 GOD never acts out of character.

"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: **Psalms 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:

- Psalms 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

September Awareness Month

Ovarian Cancer

At present, there is no known method to prevent **ovarian cancer**, but some things appear to reduce a woman's risk of developing the disease. They include:

- **Oral contraception:** Birth control pills reduce the risk of ovarian cancer especially among women who use them for several years. Compared with women who never used oral contraceptive, those who used oral contraceptives for 3 years or more have about a 30%-50% lower risk of developing ovarian cancer.
- **Breast feeding and pregnancy:** Having one or more children, particularly if the first is born before age 25, and breast feeding may decrease a woman's risk.
- **Tubal ligation:** This is a surgical procedure in which the fallopian tubes are tied to prevent pregnancy. This procedure reduces the relative risk of developing ovarian cancer. Its use as a risk reduction strategy may be appropriate for high risk individuals and should be discussed with your physician.
- **Hysterectomy:** A Hysterectomy has been demonstrated to reduce the relative risk of ovarian cancer. A woman should not have a hysterectomy exclusively to avoid the risk of ovarian cancer, but if one is being performed for valid medical reasons and she has a family history of ovarian or breast cancer or is over age forty, she should discuss concurrent ovary removal with her physician.

Prophylactic oophorectomy: Oophorectomy is the surgical removal of one or both ovaries. Only recommended for certain high-risk patients, the operation eliminates the risk for ovarian cancer, but not the risk for a less common cancer called Primary Peritoneal Carcinoma. This cancer is similar to ovarian cancer in spread, presentation and treatment. Discussion with your physician is necessary to determine your individual risk and options for prophylactic surgery.

Prostate Cancer

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men, and the second leading killer of men, behind lung cancer. Prostate cancer is generally very slow growing and most men die

with prostate cancer (meaning that they die of some other cause) rather than from it. Still, it kills approximately 30,000 men each year. But detected early, it can be cured.

In its early stages, prostate cancer usually doesn't cause symptoms. However, as the disease progresses, the patient may develop symptoms that are the same as for prostatitis and/or BPH (see above). Additional symptoms include:

- Chronic pain in the hips, thighs, or lower back
 - Blood in the urine or semen
- The lack of early symptoms and the overlap of symptoms with non-cancerous conditions makes prostate cancer difficult to diagnose. That's why it's essential that you get screened regularly.

Prevention

- Get your prostate checked yearly after age 40
- Eat right. Studies show that people who eat a high fat diet have a greater risk of developing prostate cancer. On the other hand, fiber, soy protein, fruits, and cooked tomatoes have all been shown to reduce risk.
- Watch your weight. Obesity may be a contributing factor to a number of cancers, including prostate.
- Exercise regularly
- Don't smoke
- Limit alcohol and avoid caffeine.
- Drink a lot of water. This can help flush out your bladder. Urine should be almost clear.
- Consult your doctor about other prevention tips.

"A Seniors' Perspective"



Growing In Grace !!!

But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our LORD and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen. 2nd Peter 3:18

Right now, we are doing just that, we are growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Savior. Those around us see this growth and realize that the Master artist is at work. They honor Him as a result..

Someday soon, when this life ends the paintbrush and palette will be put away. The last stitch will have been added, the tools will go back in the sculptor's tool kit. We will be at last what our creator intended from the first. Others will see that, and for all eternity they will praise His artistry.

Submitted by,
Sis C. Bennett

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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 ~ 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 LESS

Important to Wear a Face Covering

Cloth face coverings may help prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others. Wearing a cloth face covering will help protect people around you, including those at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and workers who frequently come into close contact with other people (e.g., in stores and restaurants).

Curbside Meals

Due to the Labor Day holiday, meals will not be delivered on Monday, Sept. 7. In order to accommodate this, food for four days (Sept. 4-7) was distributed through our normal pick-up locations and bus routes today, Sept. 4. Our food distribution days for next week will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Our normal M-W-F schedule will resume on Monday, Sept. 14.

The district is offering free meals to children 18 years and younger. This is not dependent on the student's meal status at school or where they are enrolled.

The following will be provided weekly, per child:

- Mondays: two breakfasts and two lunches
- Wednesday: two breakfasts and two lunches
- Friday: one breakfast and three lunches

There will be 12 curbside pick-up locations at bus-rider drop-offs across the county (see list on District web page), as well as special distribution stops along school bus routes operating during virtual instruction. Each stop for meal distribution typically lasts for approximately 20 minutes between 9 a.m. and noon.

If you have not yet registered to receive meals, please complete this form, also on District web page.

Questions can be emailed to Daniel Kolat or call 843-322-0806.

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Sunday Church Services will be live streamed on **Facebook** and **Youtube** at 10:00 am until further notice.

Log onto Facebook, or Youtube type Bethesda Christian Fellowship in search box at the top of page, click on Bethesda with the above logo, scroll down to live stream. (Remember to Like the Bethesda Page.)



There is "Just A Word" segment being live streamed on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm.

Beaufort County Schools Virtual Learning Starts September 8th

The Beaufort County School District (BCSD) has announced the district will temporarily adopt a full-virtual educational model when school reopens on Sept. 8.

"We want to return to face to face instruction," said Rodriguez. "Our district teachers and staff want to return to face to face instruction, our students and their parents I know want it too. But before that can happen and happen safely, it has to be safer than it is today." Still, the district does not want to sacrifice education for safety. After parental complaints about last spring's virtual classes, BCSD purchased a new learning platform for all students. K12 Learning Solutions is for kindergarten through 8th-grade students and high schoolers will use the virtual program which is state-sponsored.

Each platform is described as more comprehensive than what was used last spring. There are multiple platforms for students' remediation or acceleration.

Each offers a chance for students to excel or to help them if they are not meeting requirements, and the district says the implementation will be better and more consistent across all schools.

"Our expectations for our students and our staff have not been lessened because we are starting in this virtual space," said BCSD Deputy Superintendent Duke Bradley. In addition, every student in the district will get a tablet to use.

The school system is also working with the state to offer mobile internet service for families that need it for their child's education.

"We will have young people logging on, teachers will be able to interface and interact with them at the moment and also offer learning time without the teacher," explained Chief Instructional Services Officer Dr. Mary Stratos. "It mirrors a normal school day as much as we can. There will be a tremendous amount of discretion in their lesson plans on school days. There may not be 8 hours of screen time, but there will be eight hours of learning that's packed into their respective lesson plans."

Whether students are learning face-to-face or virtually, Bradley says instruction will be "rigorous, relevant and engaging."

Reclaiming Jesus

We are living through perilous and polarizing times as a nation, with a dangerous crisis of moral and political leadership at the highest levels of our government and in our churches. We believe the soul of the nation and the integrity of faith are now at stake.

A Confession of Faith in a Time of Crisis. It is time to be followers of Jesus before anything else nationality, political party, race, ethnicity, gender, geography our identity in Christ precedes every other identity. We pray that our nation will see Jesus' words in us. "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).

When politics undermines our theology, we must examine that politics. The church's role is to change the world through the life and love of Jesus Christ. The government's role is to serve the common good by protecting justice and peace, rewarding good behavior while restraining bad behavior (Romans 13). When that role is undermined by political leadership, faith leaders must stand up and speak out. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "The church must be reminded that it is not the master or the servant of the state, but rather the conscience of the state." It is often the duty of Christian leaders, especially elders, to speak the truth in love to our churches and to name and warn against temptations, racial and cultural captivities, false doctrines, and political idolatries and even our complicity in them. We do so here with humility, prayer, and a deep dependency on the grace and Holy Spirit of God.

This letter comes from a retreat on Ash Wednesday, 2018. In this season of Lent, we feel deep lamentations for the state of our nation, and our own hearts are filled with confession for the sins we feel called to address. The true meaning of the word repentance is to turn around. It is time to lament, confess, repent, and turn. In times of crisis, the church has historically learned to return to Jesus Christ.

Jesus is Lord. That is our foundational confession. It was central for the early church and needs to again become central to us. If Jesus is Lord, then Caesar was not—nor any other political ruler since. If Jesus is Lord, no other authority is absolute. Jesus Christ, and the kingdom of God he

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