

The Grace Memorial Baptist Church

1220 North Chester Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21213
Reverend Marshall L. Barnes, Pastor



“The Church That Cares”

Sunday, April 29, 2018
11:00 A M

For: Sunday, May 6, 2018

“Giving from a Generous Heart ”

Lesson: Exodus 35:20-29; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

GOLDEN TEXT:

“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.” — 2 Corinthians 9:7

TODAY’S AIM:

“To make an effort to see what God is telling us about giving to Him as we worship.

INTRODUCING THE LESSON:

Whenever we discuss worship, the subject of giving to God or to the church or to charity comes up. Why should we give if God owns everything anyway? Can He not proportion it around to whomever and wherever He wants? How much and of what substance should we give?

We may have heard of a legalistic approach that says we must give a certain amount in a certain way for God to accept us or bless us, sort of a “give-to-get” idea. Scripture refutes this idea and supplies us with better answers.

PRACTICAL POINTS:

1. The money that we give to the church is an offering to God (Exodus 35:20-21).
2. All people can bring an offering to God, regardless of how rich or poor they are (Exodus 35:22-28).
3. God’s blessings should make us willing to bring Him an offering (Exodus 35:29).
4. Our willingness to give determines our likeliness to receive (2 Corinthians 9:6)
5. Giving should come from the heart and bring joy to both receiver and giver (2 Corinthians 9:7)
6. It is wise to give offerings to God, who provides all your needs (2 Corinthians 9:8)

CONCLUDING THE LESSON:

There is an item that we have not thought of yet: giving generously is the right thing to do. Often in life it is hard to know what to do. This is not one of those cases! Your church probably has dozens of things that need your attention. If not, there are people all around you who do. There are probably widows, shut-ins, and others in need who would be blessed and maybe drawn to the Lord by your gifts and kindness.

Remember that it is more blessed to give than to receive. If you give, it is because you have been given and have enough left after your necessities that you give. If you receive, you probably do not have enough in the first place. It can be humbling to receive a gift, but in so doing you are allowing the giver to be blessed by God.

Remember to give simply. The Lord Jesus said, “Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth” (Matthew 6:3). That is giving simply. Do not over-think this thing. Do not give in order to get something from God. Do not give just for tax purposes.

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON

*"High Standards and High Expectations
for the Glory of God."*

Church News

TODAY

We will fellowship with the **First Baptist Church of Caroline**, 525 North Caroline Street for an **Eastside Missionary Service** at 2:45 p.m. **All members of Grace** are requested to attend.

ATTENTION MEN!

All men of Grace are asked to **meet Pastor Barnes** at The Grace Memorial Baptist Church Saturday, May 5 at 9:00 a.m.

DON'T FORGET!

- **God's Kitchen** will be **open** Tuesday, May 1 from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. across the street from our church.
- Use the **yellow Men and Women's Day envelopes** to pay on your **assessment**. Additional envelopes are available. See an usher.

Sick and Shut-Ins

Trustee William Atkinson, 1088 Cameron Rd., 21212
Sis. Ila Scott, 1631 W. Lexington St., 21223
Bro. Reginald Werrell, 902 Woodson Rd., Apt. T, 21212, 443-872-1723
Deaconess Beverly Wilson's daughter and Sis. Lisa Wilson's sister,
Sis. Chareese Brogden, Brintonwood Nursing Home, 5009 Frankford Ave., 21206
Bro. Edward Withers, C/O Manor Care – Roland Park,
4669 Falls Rd., Room 328A, 21209

Special Prayer Requests

Pastor Marshall Barnes' friends, Sis. Vanessa Dancy,
Bro. Sylvester Briddell, Sis. Yvonne Rice and Sis. Kathy Seal
Sis. LaPorcha Barnes' co-worker's sister, Sis. Denise Griffin
Sis. Shirley Eldridge and Trustee Inez Robb's aunt, Sis. Lucille Lindsay
Sis. Erica Faison's friend, Bro. Ladonte Locus
Sis. Cynthia Franklin's daughter, Sis. Yolanda and son,
Bro. Melford Franklin and their families and aunt, Sis. Mable Stancil
Sis. Wanda Garrett's niece, Sis. Kayla James
Sis. Pamela Harris' mother-in-law, Sis. Brenda Smith
Sis. Tana Hicks' grandson, Bro. DeWayne Lashley
Sis. Shirle Hubbard's sister, Sis. Valerie Hubbard
Sis. Eliza Jennings son, Bro. Robert Jennings, Jr.
Sis. Anndell Lawrence's mother, Sis. Carrie Lawrence, son,
Bro. Da'Juan McDonald, and Granddaughter, Little Miss Treasure Fenwick
Sis. Kim McDonald's children, Bro. Correll Wilson, Bro. Tayo Daniels, Jr.,
Bro. Theodore Wilson, and Sis. Ta'Brielle Daniels
Deaconess Hilton Patrick's sister, Sis. Yvonne Smith

Emergency Notices

All emergency situations are to be reported immediately to the Pastor
Reverend Marshall L. Barnes
e.g., death, hospital emergency, etc.

The Deacon and Deaconess Ministry

The following Deacon and Deaconess are available to assist members of our Church with prayer and offering of a helping hand whenever assistance is needed and subsequently requested:

During the period of April 9 through May 13 contact the following:

*Deacon Luke Montgomery, Sr., 443-629-7297
Deaconess Charmaine Cook, 410-298-6133
Deaconess Hilton Patrick, 410-367-0573*

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Reverend Marshall L. Barnes, *Pastor*
Reverend Frank Bell, *Associate Pastor*
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Words of Wisdom

*"Jesus Christ is able to set us
free because He has dealt with
the sin that enslaves us."*

SERMON NOTES

Sunday April 29, 2018

LISTEN to the message from God's Word. **USE** this sheet to make some personal notes. **GO** back over them through the coming week. **LET** God crystallize these truths in **YOUR** life.

Sermon title: _____

Biblical text: _____

Main idea of sermon: _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Illustration I want to remember: _____

What should I do as a result of hearing this sermon?

*"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith
Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again
with the yoke of bondage." — Galatians 5:1*

MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, April 29, 2018

*Processional.....11:00 A.M.

**Call to Worship and Invocation*

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*Hymn of Praise #335....."Standing on the Promises"

O.T. Reading (Isaiah 61:1-4).....Deaconess Beverly Wilson

N.T. Reading (Luke 4:15-20).....Sis. Tana Hicks

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Selection.....Mass Choir

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Morning Prayer.....***Deacon Michael Montgomery, Sr.

Prayer Chant and Selection.....Mass Choir

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Church Welcome.....Hospitality Ministry

Pastoral Comments

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Children's Hour.....Sis. Shelley Jones

Selection.....Mass Choir

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General Offering of Tithes and Gifts of Love

Mission Offering

**Tithes and Gifts of Love*

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*Response of Thanksgiving.....Congregation

*"All things come of Thee, O Lord,
and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen!"*

Congregational Hymn #4....."To God Be the Glory"

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Sermonic Meditation.....Organ Speaks

Sermon.....Rev. Marshall L. Barnes

"The Bondage Breaker"

*Invitation to Christian Discipleship.....Rev. Marshall L. Barnes

*Altar Call.....Rev. Marshall L. Barnes

*Benediction.....Rev. Marshall L. Barnes

**Standing **Seating Worshippers*

****Deacon in training*