

For: Sunday, December 10, 2017

## **“Faith to Discern”**

*Lesson: Acts 13:1-12*

### **GOLDEN TEXT:**

*“Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.” — Acts 13:12*

### **TODAY’S AIM:**

“To get a grasp of the geographical area covered by Paul and Barnabas and to understand the hardships they encountered as they traveled.”

### **INTRODUCING THE LESSON:**

The church at Antioch displayed faith by authorizing Paul and Barnabas and to embark on their quest. The two men sent forth demonstrated faith when they stepped out from the relative safety of the church to confidently approach the unknown dangers of the task before them. Sergius Paulus, a leading figure of Paphos, placed his faith in Christ as a result of the teaching of the emissaries.

### **PRACTICAL POINTS:**

1. There is a place and a job for every believer to serve in God’s kingdom (Acts 13:1).
2. Worship and prayer open our minds and hearts to receive guidance from God (Acts 13:2-3).
3. God works mightily through the Holy Spirit (Acts 13:4-5).
4. Be careful and discerning about the people you allow to advise you on spiritual matters (Acts 13:6-7).
5. As you witness for Christ, expect confrontation from people who possess competing motives (Acts 13:8).
6. The Holy Spirit gives believers boldness and the ability to confront enemies (Acts 13:9-12).

### **CONCLUDING THE LESSON:**

With the distractions removed, Sergius Paulus made a profession of faith in the Lord. His trust was placed in Christ through the teaching by Paul. The government responded to the revelation communicated. He was saved by responding positively.

# The Grace Memorial Baptist Church

1100 North Eden Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21213  
*Reverend Marshall L. Barnes, Pastor*



*“The Church That Cares”*

Sunday, December 3, 2017  
11:00 A M

## Sick and Shut-Ins

Trustee William Atkinson, 1088 Cameron Rd., 21212  
Deaconess Marion Leach, C/O Patapsco Valley Center,  
9109 Liberty Rd., Room 247A, Randallstown, MD 21133-3521  
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., Room 216, 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  
**\*Trustee William Atkinson’s wife, Sis. Martha Atkinson**  
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  
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

*\*New Information*

## Birthdays



## December

6 Sylvia Jones  
7 Kim McDonald  
10 James Carter  
16 Ethel Eubanks

16 Sylvia Mason  
17 Brian Crudup  
25 LaPorcha Barnes  
28 Shirle Hubbard

*“High Standards and High Expectations  
for the Glory of God.”*

## **Church News**

### **TODAY**

The Golden Disciples will celebrate their **18th Annual Golden Disciples Ministry Anniversary** at 3:30 p.m. The **Rev. Marvin McFadden**, pastor of the **Mount Zion Hill Baptist Church**, and his congregation will be our guest. The **Male Chorus** will be singing.

### **ALSO TODAY**

Our **Christmas card mail box** is available in the rear of the church, for in-house members only, until Sunday, December 24. **No outside cards will be delivered.** Please pick-up your cards before leaving the church.

### **JOINT BOARD MEETING**

Monday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. for all **Preachers, Deacons, and Trustees.**

### **ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING**

Wednesday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m. for **all adult members of Grace.**

### **ANNUAL CHURCH-WIDE CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Friday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. See enclosure for more information.

### **FUNDRAISER**

Our **Ushers Ministry** will sponsor a **Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale** Sunday, December 17 immediately following the morning service. See enclosure for more information.

### **BOOKS WANTED!**

If you have **new or used books** that you no longer need/want, please donate them to our **“Bring A Book, Take A Book” program.** Books can be given to **Sis. Joann Robinson** or dropped off at the church office.

### **PHOTOGRAPHS/NEWSPAPER ARTICLES WANTED!**

We are requesting pictures and/or newspaper articles taken **during the 90 years** of Grace’s existing. If you have such, please submit to our church office so that we can create a **historical timeline album.** All photos and/or newspaper clippings will be returned within a week.

## **Don't Forget!**

### **SOUP KITCHEN**

Tuesday, December 5 from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.

### **NO PRAYER SERVICE/BIBLE STUDY**

Wednesday, December 6. Will resume Wednesday December 13 at 7:30 p.m.

### **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 Deacons 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 November 13 through December 10 contact the following:*

*Deacon Luke Montgomery Sr., 443-629-7297*

*Deaconess Beverly Wilson, 443-559-0987*

*Deaconess Janine Withers, 443-994-9581*

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Reverend Marshall L. Barnes, *Pastor*  
Reverend Frank Bell, *Associate Pastor*  
Sister Carolyn Moorehead, *Secretary*

**Church Office: 410-563-2355**

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### **Words of Wisdom**

*“Since the beginning of time,  
God has chosen the unlikely to  
do the unimaginable.”*

# SERMON NOTES

Sunday, December 3, 2017

**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. \_\_\_\_\_

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Illustration I want to remember: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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“For with God nothing shall be impossible.” — Luke 1:37

# MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, December 3, 2017

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

*\*Call to Worship and Invocation*

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\*Hymn of Praise #249.....“Blessed Assurance”

O.T. Reading (Isaiah 6:2-9).....Deaconess Norma Pope

N.T. Reading (Luke 1:37-46).....Sis. Tana Hicks

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Selection.....Male Chorus

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Morning Prayer..... Sis. Kim McDonald

Prayer Chant and Selection.....Male Chorus

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Church Welcome.....Hospitality Ministry

Pastoral Comments

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Children’s Hour.....Sis. Kelly Jones

Selection.....Male Chorus

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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 #62.....“No, Not One!”

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Sermonic Meditation.....Organ Speaks

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

## “Unlikely Does Not Mean Impossible”

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

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

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

*\*Standing*

*\*\*Seating Worshipers*