

For: Sunday, May 22, 2016

“Childlike Faith”

Lesson: Luke 18:15-27; Mark 10:16

GOLDEN TEXT:

“Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein” (Luke 18:17).

TODAY’S AIM:

“To understand that the essence of childlike faith is unquestioned acceptance.

INTRODUCING THE LESSON:

Most of us have experienced or observed the following scene: Dad is in the swimming pool, and his young child is standing on the side of the pool. Dad holds out his arms and tells his child to jump into his arms, assuring the child that he will catch him. The child at first may hesitate but then jumps into his father’s waiting arms. What does that scene tell us about a child’s faith?

This scene illustrates the essence of faith. The child has complete and unquestioned trust in his father and will do something that he might otherwise be afraid to do. Let us keep this illustration in mind as we explore childlike faith today.

PRACTICAL POINTS:

1. We need to grow in wisdom and knowledge but remain childlike in our trust (Luke 18:15-17).
2. Our idea of “good” falls woefully short of God’s (Luke 18:18-19).
3. Keeping the commandments is good but will never save us; we must give our lives to Jesus (Luke 18:20-22).
4. If we are holding on to the things of this world, following Jesus will seem an impossible challenge (Luke 18:23-24).
5. God has brought many camels through the needle’s eye of eternal life (Luke 18:25-27).
6. Jesus loves to bless children (Mark 10:16).

CONCLUDING THE LESSON:

In our sophisticated world, we may look down on simple, childlike faith. We rely so much on our technology that we think the answers lie in our devices. We need to strip away all the layers of our sophistication and believe what God says—the same way a child believes his parents. “If God says it, then I believe it, and I can trust Him.”

An acrostic of what is involved in childlike faith:

Come to the Lord as a child.
Hand over the matter to God.
Identify barriers to simple faith.
Love the Lord deeply.
Do not doubt God.
Look to Jesus only.
Initiate serious Scripture study.
Keep a clear focus on Christ.
Exercise complete trust.
Follow the Lord without question.
Allow the Lord to guide your steps.
Invite Him into your life.
Tell others of God’s love.
Hold tight to your faith.

The Grace Memorial Baptist Church

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Reverend Marshall L. Barnes, Pastor



“The Church That Cares”

Sunday, May 15, 2016
11:00 A M

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

Church News

ANNUAL YOUTH ANNIVERSARY

Sunday, June 5. More information forthcoming.

JOINT BOARD MEETING

Monday, June 6 at 7:00 p.m. for all Preachers, Deacons, and Trustees.

SEMI-ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Wednesday, June 8 at 7:00 p. m. for all adult members of Grace.

COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Our Usher's Ministry will host their 5th Annual Community Fun Day on Saturday, June 11 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The highlight of the day will be the “Ushers Marching Showdown” featuring the ushers from various churches.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our annual Vacation Bible School will take place Monday, June 20 thru Friday, June 24 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. For more information, contact Deaconess Charmaine Cook.

FELLOWSHIP

We will fellowship with Rev. Tyrone Boykin, Sr. and his congregation at the Faith, Hope and Charity Christian Center, 1705 North Smallwood Street, Sunday, June 26 at 3:30 p.m. The Mass Choir will be singing.

Don't Forget!

SOUP KITCHEN

Tuesday, May 17 from 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m.

PRAYER SERVICE/BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m.


Birthdays



May

17	Shelley Jones
24	Fannie Hill

Sick and Shut-Ins

Deaconess Jean Pope, 6816 Eastridge Rd., 21207

Trustee William Atkinson, 1088 Cameron Rd., 21212

Emma Brown, 1639 Holbrook St., 21202

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 (410-233-2626)

Deaconess Helen Stewart, 2631 E. Chase St., 21213

Bro. Reginald Werrell, 2412 Winchester St.,
21216, 410-831-5529

Bro. Eddie Withers, Serenity Manor Assistant Living,
1802 Eutaw Place, 21216

Special Prayer Requests

Rev. Marshall L. Barnes' mother, Sis. Evelyn (Missie) Short

Rev. Frank Bell's sisters-in-law, Sis. Sophronia Goode
and Sis. Lucy Hawkins

Bro. Ernest Scott's brother, Bro. Bruce Scott

Sis. Geraldine Davis' husband, Bro. Ricky Davis

Sis. Cynthia Franklin's father, Bro. James Lawrence
and aunt, Sis. Mable Stencil

Sis. Wanda Garrett's sister, Sis. Jane McCleod and
niece, Sis. Kayla James

Sis. Sandra Hawkins' granddaughter, Sis. Brianna Speller

Sis. Eliza Jennings' son, Bro. Robert Jennings, Jr. and
grandson, Bro. Robert Jennings III

Sis. Anndell Lawrence's mother, Sis. Carrie Lawrence
and friend, Bro. Troy Fenwick & Family

Sis. Kim McDonald's children, Bro. Correll Wilson, Bro. Tayo
Daniels Jr., Bro. Theodore Wilson, and Sis. Ta'Brielle Daniels

Sis. Brenda Mitchell's sister-in-law, Sis. Barbara Brookins

Deacon Luke Montgomery, Sr.'s wife, Sis. Gloria Montgomery

Deaconess Hilton Patrick's sisters, Sisters Yvonne,
Willie Mae and Inez Smith

Trustee Sharen Williams' sister, Sis. Wanda Jones

Deaconess Beverly Wilson's son, Bro. Daryl Wilson,
daughter, Sis. Chareese Brogden and neighbor, Bro. Paul Brown

Sis. Lisa Wilson's co-worker, Sis. Sonia Johnson Branch

Deaconess Janine Withers' son, Bro. Sir Jai Taylor
and brothers, Robert and Michael Moore

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 May 9 through June 12 contact the follow-
ing:*

Deacon James Jones, 443-762-1097

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*

Deacon James Jones, *Deacon Ministry Chairman*

Trustee Sharen Williams, *Trustee Ministry Chairperson*

Sister Carolyn Moorehead, *Secretary*

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## **Words of Wisdom**

*"It takes few seconds to hurt someone,  
and forever to heal the wound caused."*

# SERMON NOTES

Sunday, May 15, 2016

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." — Romans 8:18*

# MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, May 15, 2016

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

*\*Call to Worship and Invocation*

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\*Hymn of Praise #262....."Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

O.T. Reading (Exodus 20:12-19).....Deaconess Hilton Patrick

N.T. Reading (Acts 1:12-17).....Sis. Kelley Jones

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Selection.....Mass Choir

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Morning Prayer.....Deacon James Jones

Prayer Chant and Selection.....Mass Choir

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Church Welcome.....Hospitality Ministry

Pastoral Comments

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Children's Hour.....Sis. Cynthia Franklin

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 #24....."Praise Him"

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Sermonic Meditation.....Organ Speaks

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

**"Healed But Not Cured"**

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

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

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

*\*Standing*

*\*\*Seating Worshippers*