

For: Sunday, December 2, 2018

“The Sign of Immanuel”

Lesson: Isaiah 7:1-4, 7-16

GOLDEN TEXT:

“The Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel.” — Isaiah 7:14

TODAY’S AIM:

“To see clearly the situation in which God gives this prophecy.”

INTRODUCING THE LESSON:

In a day of political turmoil and unrest, it is only human to feel unnerved and unsteady about the future. One of the hallmarks of the Word of God is that God alone can foretell the future, and He has never been wrong in His prophecies. We can learn much about this fact in this week’s lesson. We may not have a prophecy in the Bible expressly directed at us as a people (say, as Christians) or at our country, as to its sin and judgment or its political or economic future. However, there may be general prophecies for the world and the church that do apply to us. We may be seeing some of these prophecies coming to pass, and we can take courage that God is in control and He is working out His plan for His people and the world at large.

PRACTICAL POINTS:

1. Even when enemies join forces, they do not have enough power to defeat God’s people (Isaiah 7:1-2).
2. If we have the courage to obey God, we have no reason to fear the unknown (Isaiah 7:3-4).
3. We can be confident that God knows the enemy’s plan (Isaiah 7:7-8).
4. We need to stand firm in our faith (Isaiah 7:9).
5. Signs from God are detailed and easily recognized by those who believe in Him (Isaiah 7:10-15).
6. An attack on God’s people is an act of self-destruction (Isaiah 7:16).

CONCLUDING THE LESSON:

Just as receiving and believing in the sign God had given King Ahaz was crucial to the King’s receiving God’s help, so today we must believe in and receive God’s sign of His uniquely begotten Son to receive God’s promise of eternal life. No crisis or circumstance will ever come upon us that is greater than God’s deliverance through the Lord Jesus. No one ever knows how long his or her life will be, but we can know what our eternal destiny will be when we trust in the Lord Jesus.

The sign given the King some 730 years before the birth of the Lord Jesus is still there as an eternal fact for all to believe or reject. Only God could have fulfilled this sign. Only the Lord Jesus could have lived the perfect life and died the sacrificial death He did. Only He could have risen from the dead (in fulfillment of other prophecies), thus proving that all God’s prophecies are accurate and true. He alone determines when and how they will be fulfilled.

The Grace Memorial Baptist Church

1220 North Chester Street
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Reverend Marshall L. Barnes, Pastor



“The Church That Cares”

Sunday, November 25, 2018
11:00 A M

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

Church News

GOLDEN DISCIPLES ANNIVERSARY

The Golden Disciples will celebrate their **19th Annual Golden Disciples Ministry Anniversary** Sunday, December 2 at 11:00 a.m.
Theme: “Golden Disciples Making a Difference in the Lives of Others” (Romans 12:10).

BLUE WRIST BANDS

Every member of Grace is requested to **work towards getting** and **wearing a blue wrist band** which will also represent the fact that we are **united in purpose**. Members that have already received their wrist band and are **NOT** wearing it, please put your band on and **keep it on until we cut the ribbon to our new church.**



Don't Forget!

ENCOUNTER

Each Sunday morning from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (following the Sunday Church School).

THE LORD'S KITCHEN

OPEN Tuesday, November 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. across the street from our church.

PRAYER SERVICE/BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, November 28 at 7:00 p. m. at the **Greater Paradise Christian Center**, 2900 East Oliver Street. **Homework:** Which Biblical character (man or woman) inspires you the most to claim Christ when its particular difficult even when it could be dangers and why?

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

Rev. Marshall L. Barnes' friends, Bro. Jimmy Owens,

Sis. Ruthie Hall and Sis. Chiaka Johnson

Bro. Mark Carr's mother and Sis. Wanda Carr's

mother-in-law, Sis. Pearl Carr

Deaconess Charmaine Cook's friend and coworker, Sis. Patricia Byrd

Sis. Cynthia Franklin's daughter, Sis. Yolanda and son,

Bro. Melford Franklin and their families, and aunt, Sis. Mable Stancil

Sis. Wanda Garrett's nieces, Sis. Venica James and Sis. Kayla James

Sis. Pamela Harris' mother-in-law, Sis. Brenda Smith, and

coworker, Jasmine Judd's daughter, Little Miss McKenzie Judd

Sis. Tana Hicks' grandson, Bro. DeWayne Lashley

Sis. Shirle Hubbard's sister, Sis. Valerie Hubbard

Sis. Eliza Jennings husband, Bro. Robert Jennings, Sr.,

and 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

Sis. Joanne Robinson's husband, Bro. Walter Robinson, Jr.

Sis. Alice Walker & Sis. Talisha Pitt's aunt, Sis. Shirley Wright

Sis. Charlene Watson's sister, Sis. Denise Hall

Sis. Ti`Yonna Hood and daughter, Little Miss Kaylen Ellis

“Sanctuary”

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,

Pure and holy, tried and true;

With thanksgiving,

I'll be a living sanctuary for You.

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 November 12 through December 9 contact the following:

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

Deaconess Beverly Wilson, 443-559-0987

Deaconess Janine Withers, 443-766-8524

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Reverend Marshall L. Barnes, *Pastor*

Reverend Frank Bell, *Associate Pastor*

Sister Carolyn Moorehead, *Secretary*

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## **Words of Wisdom**

*“God will put you back together  
and make you stronger right in front  
of the people that broke you.”*

# Sermon Notes

Sunday, November 25, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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*“Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.” — Isaiah 41:10*

## MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, November 25, 2018

\*Processional.....11:00 A.M.  
\*Call to Worship and Invocation

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\*Hymn of Praise #644.....“Count Your Blessings”  
O.T. Reading (Isaiah 46:3-9).....Deaconess Charmaine Cook  
N.T. Reading (Acts 16:23-28).....Sis. Angela Ross

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Selection.....Mass Choir  
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Morning Prayer.....\*\*\*Deacon Michael Montgomery  
Prayer Chant and Selection.....Mass Choir  
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Church Welcome.....Hospitality Ministry  
Pastoral Comments  
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Children’s Hour.....Sis. Sylvia 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 (Back page).....“Sanctuary”  
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Sermonic Hymn.....Deaconess Annice Brown  
Sermon.....Rev. Marshall L. Barnes

### “Put Back Together”

\*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