

Y M B C NEWSLETTER

Yorktown Missionary Baptist Church

September 2019



Autumn

GOD'S PEOPLE IN WORSHIP

*Call to Worship: The Lord is in His Holy Temple, Let all the earth keep silence before him, "Let the words of my mouth . . .

*Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen!

Devotion.....Deacon Ministry
*Morning HymnCongregation and Music Ministry
*Invocation/Lord's Prayer.....Minister
SelectionMusic Ministry

*Responsive Reading:

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen!

Selection.....Music Ministry
Benevolent OfferingUshers

Hear Our Prayer O Lord, hear our prayer O Lord, incline thine ears to us and grant us thy peace, Amen!

SelectionMusic Ministry
*Tithes/OfferingsDeacons

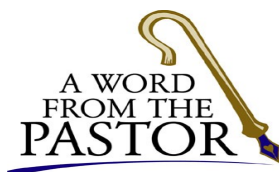
Lord, I honor you with my tithes and offering as I give according to your word; "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse; "Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase: "Give and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down, and shaken together and running over." "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." So Lord, teach me to always be a biblical giver so I can contribute to your kingdom. I thank you Lord, for your many blessings, and I come today to give back to you my tithes and offerings that you have blessed me with. Now Lord, please bless our church family and friends that my giving will support **The Mission, The Message, The Ministries, and The Ministers** that are being **Manifested** here at Yorktown Missionary Baptist Church. I pray that my giving honors you and that it will be an example of my walk and relationship with your Son, Jesus Christ. Thank you for blessing me to give back. In Jesus name I pray. Amen

AnnouncementsSister Patricia Walker
Pastoral UrgesPastor Christopher L Williams Sr
*HymnCongregation and Music Ministry
God's WordPastor Christopher L Williams Sr

-INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP-

*Invitational SelectionMusic Ministry
Acknowledgement of GuestsUshers
*YMBC WELCOME SONG
*Altar PrayerMinister
Remarks/BenedictionPastor Christopher L Williams Sr

*Please stand



Becoming More Like Jesus

John 8:1-11

Jesus is in Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles. His teachings astonish everyone because He is not an educated rabbi, or teacher, but just an ordinary, uneducated country boy from Galilee. When He finishes teaching in the temple, He goes to the Mount of Olives for the night. At dawn Jesus returns to the temple courts where people gather around Him and He sits down to teach them.

To some, this passage involves some serious textual problems because the majority of Greek manuscripts prior to the sixth century do not contain. However, I see no problem including it because it is totally consistent with Christ's wisdom, compassion and forgiveness, as taught in the gospels. In this passage we find **two** requirements for becoming more like Jesus...

Avoid "casting stones"

In chapter seven, the Jewish leaders fail in their attempt to have Jesus arrested while He is teaching in the temple courts. Therefore, they devise a despicable plan to entrap and discredit Him. As Jesus is again teaching in the temple courts, the scribes and Pharisees bring in a woman and make her stand before the crowd gathered around Jesus. No doubt she is scantily clothed, humiliated, and trembling in fear. They tell Jesus she was caught in the very act of adultery, and they remind Him the Law says she should be stoned.

This scene raises some important questions. First, how did they happen to come upon someone in the very act of adultery? It is obviously a set-up and very likely that these religious leaders hired a man to help them catch this poor woman in the act. I think the failure of the religious leaders to bring the man before Jesus indicates this is probably the case. Where is the man? It is just as bad for a man to commit adultery as it is a woman.

I don't know where the idea came from that sexual immorality is more wrong for a woman than a man. The reason for bringing this woman to Jesus was not a regard or love for the Law.

For some time, the scribes and Pharisees had been looking for a way to kill Jesus, or at least to publicly discredit Him. This looks like the perfect trap, and they are using this poor woman as bait.

Jesus faces a dilemma. If He says the woman should be stoned, He will lose forever the name He has gained for having love and mercy. He would never again be called "a friend of sinners." Also, if Jesus tells them to stone her to death, He would be quickly reported to the Romans, who did not allow Jews to carry out the death penalty. Jesus would have been arrested and imprisoned, or even executed, by the Romans.

On the other hand, if Jesus says, "Let her go," the Jewish religious leaders would immediately accuse Him of condoning adultery and being a heretic who teaches people to disobey the Law of Moses. This situation appears to be the perfect trap and a no-win situation for Jesus. However, Jesus doesn't even dignify their evil scheme with an answer.

Jesus didn't just teach; He used visual aids like many pastors today. If they had been available, He would have used PowerPoint® or an overhead projector. However, we are left to wonder just what Jesus wrote on the ground. It might have been a list of the sins of the accusers who brought this frightened woman to Jesus. Since He usually answered questions by quoting scripture, I think He may have written the command found in Exodus 23:1. Write it below:

Whatever Jesus writes on the ground, the conspirators ignore it and keep questioning Jesus about what should be done with the woman. Finally, Jesus stands up and says: *He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.*

The requirement that accusers cast the first stone is also part of the Law, but Jesus adds they must be *without sin*. He did not mean they had to be sinless, because no one is without sin. He means they must be innocent of committing the same sin as the accused woman and also not be guilty of entrapment by arranging the woman's adultery. The Master Teacher has now turned the table on these evil accusers.

If we are honest, we know we are all prone to "cast stones" at other people. Slander and gossip are our ways of "casting stones" at someone, even though these sins are among the most harshly condemned sins in the Bible. Slander is saying something false that damages someone's reputation. Gossip is repeating the private affairs of others. Whether it is true or not doesn't matter. If it is not repeated to **help** or **protect**, then it is the sin of gossip.

King David asks the Lord who may dwell in His *tabernacle* and live on His *holy hill*. David then answers his own question by writing it is the one who *walketh uprightly* and *worketh righteousness*. However, as inherent "stone casters," we need to ponder carefully the rest of the answer in the next verse (15:3). Write it below:

After saying the one without sin should cast the first stone, Jesus stoops down again. This is probably to give the conspirators time to rethink their evil act. Convicted in their hearts by the words of Jesus, the accusers begin to leave one at a time, beginning with the oldest. Why did the oldest one leave first? Probably because age mellows our youthful tendency to be self-righteous and judgmental! As we mature, we realize we are not the "hot-shot" Christians we may have once thought. Also, as we get older, we have made so many mistakes, it is much harder to "cast stones." When tempted to be harsh "stone casters," we need to remember what words of Jesus found in Matthew 5:7?

We will receive *judgment without mercy* if we have not been merciful. I don't know about you, but on Judgment Day I will need all the mercy I can get!

At this incident, the only person qualified to cast a stone is Jesus. However, He has already said he did not come *to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved* (Jn 3:17).

To become more like Jesus, **avoid "casting stones"** and...



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 Brother Senious Caldwell
 Sister Geneva Fairly
Health Care
 Brother Sam Davis



SSgt. Terrance Bunn, Air Force
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 MSgt. Jeremy Singleton, Marines



*Happy Birthday
 September Celebrants*



TruVaughn Caldwell-Auburn Univ
 Daylon Harris-Alabama A&M
 Justin Hunter-Bishop State
 Antonio Lambert Jr-Univ Auburn Montgomery
 Tierra Lambert-Univ AL Birmingham
 Traylon Packer-Coastal Community College

Christopher Williams Sr	3 rd	Richard Travis	11 th
Theresa Williams	5 th	LeBaron Bell	17 th
Ronnie Packer	6 th	Sandra Caldwell	18 th
Tracey Packer	7 th	Helen Wells	22 nd
Shawn Taylor	8 th		
Felice Harris	11 th		



Willis & Nashasta Pollard 10 years 27th

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

USHERS

CHURCH BEAUTIFICATION

HELPING HANDS

KITCHEN

MISSIONARY

NURSE AIDERS

PUBLICITY

SINGLES

TRANSPORTATION

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

WHAT'S HAPPENING

September—Christian Education Leadership School

October 15th—Church Conference/Election of Officers

October 20th—Breast Cancer Awareness Day

**October 20th—Pastor, Ministers, Deacons, Deaconess,
Trustees & Spouses Day**

October—Fall Fest—Mission Ministry

October—Halleluiah Night— Youth Department

**October 24th—Mission Night/Crusaders/Red Circle/
Sunbeamer**

Wednesdays

Prayer @ 5:30 p.m.

Bible Study @ 5:45 p.m.

Teacher's Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

HEARING GOD'S WORD IN THE SERMON

Since we forget 90% of what we hear, it has been suggested that note taking will double the percentage of our take-home response. Why not give it a try?

Messenger: _____

Scripture: _____

Subject: _____

Outline of Main Thought or Idea:

Application To My Life:

What did God say specifically to me during the Sermon?

Is there anything which God would have me do?



Open Discussion with the Pastor: Wednesday, 1p.m.-3p.m. & 7p.m.-8p.m. (Please call Thursday-Tuesday for Appointment)

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How can I say that I love the Lord
Whom I've never, ever seen before
And forgot to say that I love the one
That I walk beside each and every day?
How can I look upon your face
And ignore God's love?
You, I must embrace!
You're my brother, you're my sister,
And I love you with the love of my Lord.

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YMBC WELCOME SONG

*We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ.
Here we preach and sing the gospel of His life.
We're glad you decided to join us today.
We consider it a privilege you came our way,*

WELCOME TO YORKTOWN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

PLEASE DO NOT WALK DURING:

Prayer, Benevolent Offering, Announcements, Reading of
God's Word, Invitation to Discipleship and Benediction