

PERSONAL NOTES ON THE MESSAGE

Use this sheet to make personal notes and allow God to apply His truths to your life.

December 17, 2017

BIBLE TEXT: _____

SERMON TITLE: _____

MAIN POINTS OF THE SERMON:

JOIN US EACH SUNDAY:
EMPOWERMENT WORSHIP – 8:30 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL – 10:15 AM
NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION – 10:15 AM
REGULAR WORSHIP – 11:30 AM

NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

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Season of Joy Advent



NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

8:30 AM ORDER OF SERVICE

The Voices of Zion ~ Minister Kenton Joliff, Pianist

WORSHIP THROUGH DEVOTION

The Call to Worship Dr. Robert Whitehead, Sr., Pastor

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The Opening Selection Choir and Congregation

The Scripture Deacon Ronald Smalls

The Prayer of Praise & Thanksgiving Deacon Paul Merritt

The Choral Response Choir and Congregation

WORSHIP THROUGH COMMUNITY

The Announcements, The Welcome & The Pastor's Remarks

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

The Pre-Offertory Prayer Deacon James Alston

The Giving of Tithes & Offering Ushers

The Offertory Response

WORSHIP THROUGH INTERCESSORY PRAYER

The Prayer for the Sick & Altar Call

WORSHIP THROUGH THE GOSPEL

The Message **Dr. Robert Whitehead, Sr., Pastor**
"Building a House of Joy"

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship and Church Membership

WORSHIP THROUGH RENEWAL

The Benediction Dr. Robert Whitehead, Sr., Pastor

YOU HAVE OUR SYMPATHY IN YOUR LOSS

Sis. Yvonna Wilson in the passing of her brother, Bro. George Stevens; Sis. Deborah Parker and the Carey family in the passing of her son, Bro. Anthony Parker; Bro. Paul Stroble in the passing of his sister; Dr. Gail Cash and Bro. Rodney Cash in the passing of their mother, Sis. Clara Cash; Deaconess Clara Marrow in the passing of her sister, Sis. Cassie Chaney; Sis. Christine Lighty and family in the passing of her father, Bro. Preston Sessoms; Bro. James Thomas, Jr. in the passing of his father, Bro. James C. Thomas, Sr.; Sis. Denise Freeman in the passing of her sister, Sis. Crystal O'Neal Abdelmoshen; Bro. Ronnie Whitehead in the passing of his cousin, Bro. Michal Lemon; Deaconess Arlene Armstead in the passing of her mother, Sis. Aletha Dabney; Deaconess Cheryl Merritt in the passing of her brother; Bro. Junius Williams in the passing of his wife, Sis. Ethel Williams.

From the Prayer Ministry

Advent Season Devotional:

Jesus Heals the Lame Beggar

Scripture: (Acts 3: 1-8) **1** One day at three o'clock in the afternoon, Peter and John were on their way into the Temple for prayer meeting. **2** At the same time there was a man crippled from birth being carried up. Every day he was set down at the Temple gate, the one named Beautiful, to beg from those going into the Temple. **3** When he saw Peter and John about to enter the Temple, he asked for a handout. **4** Peter, with John at his side, looked him straight in the eye and said, "Look here." **5** He looked up, expecting to get something from them. **6** Peter said, "I don't have a nickel to my name, but what I do have, I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk!" **7** He grabbed him by the right hand and pulled him up. In an instant his feet and ankles became firm. **8** He jumped to his feet and walked.

Devotional: This poor beggar had been "crippled from birth," meaning he had never experienced any other existence. He thought he was supposed to beg. His limited perspective was affirmed by his community and well-meaning loved ones who carried him up to the temple gate to beg for handouts every day of his life. When Peter passed by, the beggar did what he had always done-he asked for money. But Peter didn't give the man what he wanted. Instead, he gave him what he needed-healing in the name of Jesus.

Who hasn't asked God for a specific thing to unfold in just a specific way? We may be begging God for a handout to sustain us in our dysfunction when his will is to bring full deliverance. Like Peter and the beggar at the temple, God's vision for us is far more expansive than anything we could imagine.

Prayer: Father, we submit our desires to your will. We acknowledge that your ways are greater than our own. Allow us to live out every ounce of potential you've placed within us. Give us discernment to recognize and abandon limiting beliefs that cripple us from walking in the fullness of your glory. In Jesus Name we pray, Amen.
(Submitted by Sister Ebony Flake)

OUR HEALTH CONCERNS

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Bro. Tecumseh Alexander	Sis. Yolanda Dixon	Sis. Aurelia Miller
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OUR MILITARY FAMILY

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The Scripture: 1st Peter 1:5-9 (King James Version)

⁵ Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁶ Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

⁷ That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

⁸ Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

⁹ Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.



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11:30 AM ORDER OF SERVICE

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11:20 Praise and Worship.....Infinite Praise

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The Invocation Dr. Robert Whitehead, Sr., Pastor
The Opening Selection The Voices of Zion
(Worshippers at the door may enter)

The Liturgical Dance Selection Spiritual Movement
The Scripture Deacon Robert Ashby
The Prayer of Praise & Thanksgiving Deacon
Ronald Wallace
The Choral Response The Voices of Zion

WORSHIP THROUGH COMMUNITY

The Announcements
The Welcome and The Pastor's Remarks

REGULAR MEETINGS AND REHEARSALS

Sunday-Dec. 17th	New Members-Conf. Rm	10:15 AM
Monday-Dec. 18th	Harp Practice-Choir Rm	11:00 AM
Tuesday-Dec. 19th	Harp Practice-Choir Rm	2:15 PM
Wednesday-Dec. 20th	Daytime Bible Study-F/H Harp Practice-Choir Rm Sunday School Meeting-Conf. Rm Spiritual Movement-Sanc. Infinite Praise-SC2 Prayer & Praise Service-F/H Bible Study-F/H	11:00 AM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM
Thursday-Dec. 21st	"Noon" Prayer-Reading Rm Brethren Chorale-Sanc.	12:45 PM 7:30 PM
Saturday-Dec. 23rd	Joy Ensemble-Sanc.	10:00 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS - YOUTH

All Youth who volunteered during the November 22, 2017 Harvest Feast

will be recognized on Sunday, December 17, 2017 during the 11:30 a.m. service. Thanks for your service to humanity!

New Zion Youth are invited to a basketball tournament:

Youth please sign-up to attend the 2nd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Kickoff Basketball Tournament on January 13, 2018. The event will be held at U-Turn Sports located at 2101 Maywill Street, Richmond, VA. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board and the deadline is December 28th. Transportation and tickets are free for youth ages 8-18 years old. The contact is Bro. Charlie Williams.

BIBLE STUDY

Emphasis on the Word

- ◆ ***Daytime Bible Study:** The study will continue at Hebrews 5. The Contact is Deacon Robert Ashby.
- ◆ ***Evening Bible Study:** The Contact is Dr. Brenda Christian.

Daily Exposure to the Word (DEW)

Daily reading or listening to the Bible is important! It helps us with the problems of life. It gives us God's perspective on living. It helps us to grow in our faith. What can we do? Pray to be committed. Start today. Some Helpful Suggestions and Resources: Use the weekly Bible reading information in the bulletin, Get an App for your cellphone or Pad, Go to: oneyearbibleonline.com, Listen to BBN on WYFI 99.7 FM every day at 3:00 PM. Listen to the Bible on CD's. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." – Romans 10:17 (KJV)

11:30 AM ORDER OF SERVICE continued

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The Giving of Tithes & Offering..... Ushers
The Offertory Response

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The Prayer for the Sick & Altar Call
The Altar Selection The Voices of Zion

WORSHIP THROUGH THE GOSPEL

The Meditative Offering The Voices of Zion
The Message Dr. Robert Whitehead, Sr., Pastor
"Building a House of Joy"

The Invitational Selection The Voices of Zion

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship and Church Membership

WORSHIP THROUGH RENEWAL

The Closing Selection The Voices of Zion
The Benediction Dr. Robert Whitehead, Sr., Pastor
The Postlude (*The End*)



ANNOUNCEMENTS - EVERYONE

"The Voices of Christmas" Celebration Program ...

New Zion Presents "The Voices of Christmas" on TODAY Sunday, December 17th at 3:30 p.m. Scripture, music, singing, worship dance, and drama celebrate the miracle of our Savior's birth. Sis. Deborah Dandridge is the contact.

New Zion members are invited to make an annual donation of \$10.00

towards the **New Zion Men's Scholarship**. Please place contributions in the offering envelope and write "Men's Scholarship" on the dotted line. Thank you NZBC for your generosity last year. Because of you, we were able to award scholarships to three NZ students.

- ◆ **The Church Office will be closed on Monday, December 25th and Monday, January 1st.**

⇒ THE DEADLINE TO FUND ALL SCHOLARSHIPS IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017. Please use an offering envelope and **write the name of the scholarship** on the "Special Programs" line. Thank you for your contributions.

The Watch Night Service will begin at 10:00 p.m.

on Sunday, December 31st. Remember to invite friends and neighbors to join the celebration as we remember God's blessings in 2017 and thank Him for the blessings coming in 2018.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - ADULTS

The New Zion annual church trip for 2018 will be to Lancaster, PA

Due to a great response on the church trip for 2018, we are posting additional sign-up sheets today. More bus seats and tickets for play are available. The contacts are Sis. Janice Jackson and Sis. Vivian Morgan.

The New Zion Nursery is in need of adult volunteers

to assist during the 11:30 a.m. service. If you are interested please see one of the contacts. You will be asked to complete an application and submit to a background check. The ministry contacts are Trustee Dana Jones, Sis. Jovan Frazier, and Sis. Isis Jackson.

The Ladies of Virtue and Elegance (L.O.V.E) Ministry

at New Zion Baptist Church is requesting your assistance. We would be thrilled to have you mentor young ladies of New Zion in grades 6-12. **If interested please contact nzbclove@gmail.com.** The ministry contact is Deaconess Delores Jones.

The Lydia Dorcas Creative Sewing Circle

will not meet on Thursday, December 21st. The next meeting will be held January 18, 2018. The contact is Sis. June Robb.