

# St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church

09 October Vol. VII \* The true enemy of faith is doubt, doubt is possible if we take our eyes off the Lord \*

## Set Your Sights to the Lord

...If I may but touch His garment, I shall be whole

## What are YOU looking at?

Your problems \* What they did \* How you messed up \* What you lost \*  
What you think you can't have

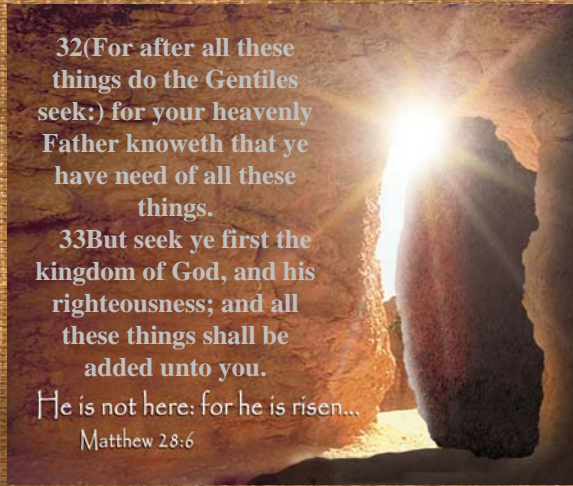
Do not give up. Know there is a greater plan for your life. Through the illness, through your finances and through your pain, the Lord has made a way for you. Your faith will see you through. Therefore don't worry for worry creates doubt and doubt is an enemy of faith.

32(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

33But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

He is not here: for he is risen...

Matthew 28:6



6Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

...be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole.

If you can't hear what the Lord is saying,  
Maybe you need to get closer to Him!

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# Where is your Treasure?

Matthew 6:19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Are your possessions the things you treasure? Do you possess them or do they possess you? Sometimes we can get use to the comfort our material possessions provide. We may even make it a priority to seek and maintain the material things which add to our comfort.

Don't get me wrong, it's not just material possessions we have to be careful of. We can do the same thing when it comes to having people in our lives. When we take our eyes off the Lord and focus on what makes us comfortable, the course we pursue can be our undoing.

## *We do not need the Lord's Help to be Successful in this World.*

It would be so easy if that were not true. But you know it is. Not everyone who is rich in this World followed the Lord. And just because we achieved something we worked hard for, sacrificed for, and really wanted does not mean it was The Will of God.

It doesn't have to be illegal or what we consider to be immoral. The question is... Did the Lord want us to do it? Is it coming from the Word? Are you coming from the Word in your decision making?

If so, are we using them in the way the Lord would want us to or are we doing what is convenient for us?

## Well, then what is the purpose of my possessions?

All the Lord has blessed us with are tools for us to do His Will. All that we own and have, let it be for the Lord's Work.

As a child of God, where have you placed your treasure? If we obtain these things outside of the Will of God, we are headed in the wrong direction to a place we shouldn't be.

Ok, it's time for a family road trip to Canada, you have everything you want and need, pleasant weather, a reliable vehicle, money and food. You are on your way heading south, enjoying each others company and able to buy the things you need. The only problem is that Canada is North and no matter what you have, you are not headed in the right direction and will never get to where you are suppose to be. Don't let anything you have or want take you from the path of the Lord.

Proverbs 3 : 5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.



Money, what you have in the bank?

The home you have or trying to get?



Jewelry and Designer clothes



That car you drove to church?



Your credit score?



# Aim your Heart and Mind to The Lord

**The mess that you are in right now is not the end. Stop dwelling on what's wrong and focus on God. I'm not asking what the doctor said, I don't need to know what they say the chances are for getting a new job. All I need to know is what My God Said.**

**The end does not justifies the means,  
but the means will always  
determine your end.**

**I know we can be out there chasing our thoughts trying to determine the best way to get to the finish line. Don't you know the Lord has already determined what that should be for our lives? The only time we have to guess is when we don't follow the path the Lord has for us.**

**If you set your sites to what Dr. Phil, Oprah or the so called television experts tell you to do, it can be easy to get confused as to who you should follow and what you should do. But when you put the Lord first with all your mind and heart, there is no confusion. If you are following the Word, you are where you are suppose to be. If you are not where your are suppose to be then you are not following the Word.**

**Whether you're facing adversities or at a calm stage, take no comfort in either, but trust and put your life in the Lord.**

**The Lord's Word tells us how to live, how to love and how to receive His Gift of Life. How we live and obey the Lord will determine our end. What excuse do you think we can give to Jesus of why we didn't follow His Word? What excuse do you think would be good enough for why we chose to obey our flesh and not Him?**

**There is none, that is why I continuously find myself in the Word and in prayer for renewed strength to resist the temptation of the world that affects me, for I know I must keep moving forward in His Name. How wonderful is our Lord, Jesus Christ. It doesn't matter what happened before or where you come from, there is no problem too big or too hard. Trust in the Lord for where you should go and what you should do.**



# Do You Know How Blessed YOU are?

**You are here. I am so thankful you made it. No matter what you were going through, no matter what wrong was done to you, by the Grace of God you are Here.**

**Your setback is only for a season. Don't think for one second your situation is too bad for the Lord to work out or that you are too hurt to ever be healed. The enemy is attacking you from every angle because you are on the verge of your breakthrough.**

**Yes, regardless of what happened, the Lord's Mercy and Grace is for all of us. We are His children, no greater Love than that of what our Father has for us.**

## **You are Blessed**

**The Lord has a plan to bring you out and take you in. All of your works done in His Name are seeds planted with your prayers and faithfulness. The Lord sees they have been watered by your tears of strength in the spirit while weak in the flesh. Do not give up now. Your time of victory is upon you.**

**Do not allow yourself to focus on your problems perhaps preventing your own Blessings from coming through. Continue being a blessing to others as the Lord would have you to.**

**Be grateful and happy, not envious, for others when the Lord blesses them, your blessings may count on it.**

**The Lord continues to work in wonderful and amazing ways. Be happy to bear witness to the blessing of others. Take no thought nor talk to determine the worthiness of another to receive blessings, for we are not the judge of such things, the Lord is.**

**Be grateful to see the works of the Lord and have faith that our Heavenly Father knows what is best for all of us in every situation.**

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**There may be times we find ourselves in the wrong with something we say or do. But being children of the Lord we need to find ourselves correcting what we do and say so that we are in line with the Will of our Lord.**

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**2 Peter 3 : 9The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.**

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## **Stop comparing your situation to others.**

**2 Corinthians 10 : 12For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise. 13But we will not boast of things without our measure, but according to the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you.**

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**What you see others have with may not be what the Lord wants for you or that you should obtain in it in the same manner. You have your own gifts, blessings and path the Lord would have you to follow.**

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**Be concerned with what the Lord has in store for your life. No one has the right to keep you in bondage for what the Lord said you can be forgiven for. The only power they will have over your life is what you give them. Continue in faith with love and know our Lord has already made a way through any adversity and His Promise of life and inheritance cannot be voided by anyone. All we have to do is claim it in His Name for we are Blessed through Him.**

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# Hurry Up And Wait On The Lord

By Nicole Whitehead

*Psalm. 27:14 Wait for the Lord; Be strong, and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the Lord.*

In our modern society of automation, convenience is threaded through most interactions in our daily lives.. Waiting for food to be cooked has taken a back seat to microwaves and fast food restaurants, waiting in line to see a bank teller has taken a back seat to online banking; attending church has taken a back seat to television evangelist and downloadable sermons. Now, none of these conveniences are bad, but speak to a pattern contradictory to the doctrine of waiting. No wonder it is hard for many of us at times to wait on the Lord! The Merriam Webster Online Dictionary defines waiting in many ways with the primary being:

To remain stationary in readiness or expectation or To look forward expectantly.. Waiting also means anticipation, expectation, confident hope in something that will take place. To wait on the Lord means to learn contentment with his provision and timing in any given situation through fellowship with God—knowing Him, clinging to Him, and trusting Him. Now, we all may be in a different situation in which we are waiting on the Lord for a answer:

Maybe you are in a job situation that is not very positive and you are praying to God on whether or not you should stay or go in this economy. Maybe you were downsized or laid off and are in search of a new position.

Maybe you or a family member is sick and waiting for better news on the condition.

Maybe you are on a diet and praying to lose a few pounds.

Maybe you are a single person waiting for Mr. or Miss Right.

Maybe you are waiting for your spouse or child to become interested in the Word of God.

Maybe you are asked to participate in a project or initiative requiring a significant time commitment.

In either situation, we must wait with an expectation of direction from the Lord. Fear, anxiety, stress and despair are all inhibitors to waiting and can cause us to be in a position or place that the Lord never intended for us. One challenge that I face is taking on things without waiting on the Lord to lead me in my efforts. I sometimes find myself stressed out and stretched so thin I barely have time to sleep. My mindset was the Lord gave me the talent to do this thing so I should do it. This is not always the case and my husband stays on me now to ensure I am being led to do a particular thing or volunteer to remain in alignment with the Lord's Will. I do admit it is hard for me not participate if I know I have the skill set to do so or its something I am passionate about.. For example, recently, I was asked to assist with a church function and my response was, let me pray about it and I will get back to you shortly. I didn't respond this way because I didn't want to do it or didn't want to be helpful but another person commented as if I should be able to give an answer right then. I almost hastened my decision because I felt bad. I shot up a quick prayer and received that everyone may not understand my challenges and why I needed to seek guidance from the Lord. I am citing this example because I too learned at that moment to be more mindful of my interactions with others, they may be waiting for the Lord to order their steps as well and I should encourage them to wait on the Lord. Psalm 130:5-7 states I wait for the LORD, my soul does wait, And in His word do I hope. 6 My soul *waits* for the Lord More than the watchmen for the morning; *Indeed, more than the watchmen for the morning.* 7 O Israel, hope in the LORD; For with the LORD there is lovingkindness, And with Him is abundant redemption.



# *St. Paul Education Outreach Ministry Sponsors Summer Enrichment Program*

The St. Paul Education Outreach Ministry hosted a summer enrichment program for children ages 2 years thru 4th grade. The purpose of the program was to keep our youth academically engaged throughout summer break. The subjects that were focused on were math, reading and science. An age-specific curriculum was designed for each subject taught. Each session included fun, interactive activities to make learning fun.

Our day began with an energized, interactive devotional period that got our children focused and prepared for learning. The children were then dismissed to their respective classes for 70 minutes of instruction. We reconvened in the sanctuary where our children shared with us what they learned and what was their favorite part of the day. We dismissed with pictures, prayer and of course, snacks.



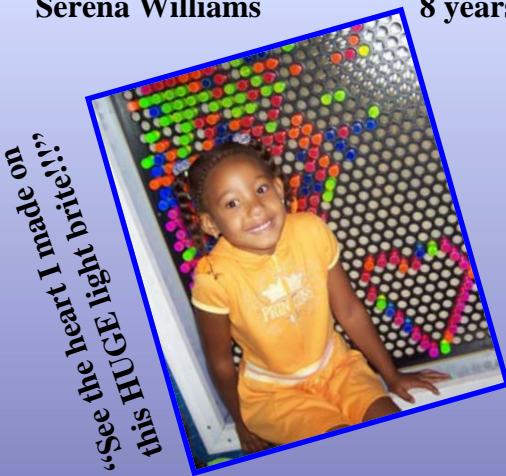
Children who participated in at least two of the three sessions attended a field trip at the DuPage Museum in Naperville. Ohhhhh, did we have a good time. If you've never been to the DuPage Museum check it out. It's affordable and has hands on exhibits that children can experiment with. Our St. Paul youth were exceptionally well behaved. Parents, we salute you for the fine work you are doing with your children.

Join us in celebrating our youth and their parents for their participation in our first Summer Enrichment Program! Our future rests in the hands of our youth and let us tell you...Our future is lookin' pretty bright!!

Aaryn Clayton	1 year
Aidyn Robinson	2 years
Carrington Thompson	2 years
Ethan Martin	3 years
Janae Alexander	5 years
Anthony Brown	5 years
Diamond Johnson	5 years
Elijah Martin	5 years
Nyah Weaver	5 years
Darius Johnson	6 years
Donavon Baskin	8 years
Ania Isaac	8 years
Madison Thompson	8 years
Serena Williams	8 years



*"We are your future doctors, lawyers, hair stylists, athletes and super heroes" (yes, one of us wants to be a super hero)*



*"See the heart I made on this HUGE light bracelet!"*

This program would not have been a success without our awesome instructors who volunteered their time and gifts to invest in our youth. Please join us acknowledging our dedicated, faithful and talented instructors and staff.

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|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Cynthia James     | Reading, Math and Science |
| Tia James         | Reading, Math and Science |
| Angela Moffett    | Reading and Math          |
| Myisha Moffett    | Reading, Math and Science |
| LaToya Thompson   | Reading                   |
| Garrick Whitehead | Math                      |
| Nicole Whitehead  | Math                      |
| Diane Evan        | Education Staff           |
| Martha Jones      | Education Staff           |
| Kendria Yarbough  | Education Staff           |
| Laticia Thompson  | Education Staff           |

This program marks the beginning of more to come from the Education Outreach Ministry. Our charge is to provide parents and our youth with resources to be successful academically. There are three components to our program:

**Tutoring**

**“It Takes a Village” Intervention Program**

- Work with students/parents who are having significant academic challenges
- Education staff will work to connect parents/students with appropriate support to resolve root cause issues
- Spiritual support from ministerial staff

**Parent Support/Resources**

- Education focused workshops and seminars for parents and students

Help us help you. Let us know if you are in need of tutoring, interventional support or have ideas for our workshop series. WE ARE HERE TO HELP! No need for shame. “There is no shame in not knowing; the shame lies in not finding out.”

“Blessed are those who find wisdom and those who gain understanding.”  
Proverbs 3:13.



# Thank You All

The Backpack drive was a huge success! We distributed 94 backpacks full of school supplies.

A very special thanks to the organizers:

**Kawana Yarbough, Carrie Perry  
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