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No Worries

Is it really possible to live of life of “no worries?” Can a person actually be worry-free? The answer is, Yes! As we embark upon this New Year, I want to challenge you to set your worries aside. As human beings, we tend to worry because we allow our minds to become obsessed with the negative “what ifs” of life. If we are not careful, these negative “what ifs” will cause us to write off the One “Who Is.” There was a time in David's life when by all human standards, the negative “what ifs” were overwhelming. His son, Absalom, was leading a successful revolt against him. David was on the run as a common criminal even though he was king of Israel. It is believed when he had come to the place called Mahanaim (2 Samuel 17:24) that he remembered the One “Who Is” and therefore “Whose he is” that he wrote Psalm 23. David reveals in Psalm 23 why he was a man of “no worries.”

David declares, “Who Is” and “Whose he is.” The first three words of Psalm twenty-three, when remembered, can chase anxieties away. “The Lord is,” the One who is the true and living God, the One who is faithful “is.” He has been, He is right now, and will always be. There is no problem or adversary that will always be. The reawakened confidence in David was solidified when he reminded himself that he belonged to the One “Who Is.” Notice what David says: “The Lord is my shepherd...” You

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Pastor's Schedule

STAY CONNECTED VIRTUALLY:

Sundays **9:30am** - The Teaching Ministry of Tabernacle Discusses the Church School Lesson
Sundays **11:00am** - Sunday Morning Worship
Wednesdays **12:00pm** - Noon Bible Class
Wednesdays **6:00pm** - Church in Prayer & Study

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Sermon Topics

September 6
THE BLESSED LIVE
Psalm 128, NKJV

September 20
**TOTALLY FORGIVEN AND
TOTALLY REDEEMED**
Psalm 130, NKJV

September 13
HE DID IT BEFORE, HE CAN DO IT AGAIN
Psalm 129, NKJV

September 27
HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW HIM?
Psalm 9:9-10, ESV

(all sermons by Pastor Johnson unless otherwise noted)

Your Eternal Security

Scripture Reading 1 John 5:10-15; Key Verse: Hebrews 7:25

He is also able to save to the utmost those who come to God through Him, since He ever lives to make intercession for them.

Perhaps the most miserable people on earth are those who have trusted in Christ as Savior but battle harassing doubts concerning the assurance of their eternal security.

If you find yourself swinging in and out of a sense of eternal security, you can walk on the level, unchanging ground of God's truth. The ride of swaying doubt can end today. Here's why: You were saved by Christ's performance on the cross. Where all your sins-past, present, and future were forgiven. Your eternal security is grounded in the person and work of Christ, not your performance.

Feelings fluctuate, especially when we sin. But nothing can cancel the reservation that Christ has made in heaven for believers, since it was purchased once and for all by His sacrificial death.

Once you are saved, Christ takes up permanent residence in your life. He will never leave you, even if your track record as a saint is spotty. He may discipline you, and the consequences for your sin may not be pleasant. But your eternal security is not altered.

God's love for you is unconditional, unfailing, and unchanging. He has made you His child forever, and absolutely nothing can change your identity as God's son or daughter.

Prayer: How I praise You, Lord, that nothing can change my identity as Your child. I am so grateful that Your love for me is unconditional, unfailing, and unchanging

(Stanley, 1982)

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Writer's Ministry Lesson

"Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord" (1 Corinthians 12:4-5).

Most of us love to receive gifts. The idea that someone thought enough of us to give us a gift can be exhilarating, especially when it is a surprise. Such is the case when we receive Christ as our Lord and Savior. The Holy Spirit, Himself, gifts each and everyone of us. How many of you have taken the time to discover what your gifts are? Our gifts were graciously given to us, but not for self- edification. Instead they are intended for use to strengthen and edify the entire body of Christ. What are spiritual gifts? They are special gifts bestowed by the Holy Spirit upon Christians for the purpose of building up the church (Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary, 1995). Spiritual gifts are God given graces to benefit the church and to serve or help others and to advance the kingdom of God.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10, ESV).

The gifts are given according to the sovereignty of the Spirit. *"All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as He wills" (1 Cor. 12:11).*

Our special prayer focus for this month is that God would grant us grace to exercise our spiritual gifts to edify the church and exhort others to good works. To realize this prayer petition we will need to spend time discovering what they are. We need to take time to familiarize ourselves with the following Bible passages which describe the gifts of the Spirit: Romans 12:6-12, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, Ephesians 4:7-12, and 1 Peter 4:10.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:8-10. It should be noted that tongues as used in the original language of Greek here are glossolalia meaning languages. These are not unintelligible jargon.

Each one of us has been uniquely equipped by the Holy Spirit to play specific roles or functions in the church. We should ask God to reveal our function in the body of Christ: or in other words, the particular task or purpose assigned by God.

Read Romans 12:4-8. How do we discover what our spiritual gifts are? First of all, you must be a Christian. The gifts are given to Christ followers. Begin the process by praying and asking God to reveal to you what your gifts are? Read and study the biblical passages describing the gifts. Consider taking a spiritual gifts inventory that helps to pinpoint areas of giftings. Be willing to participate in church activities that require the use of that gift. For example, teaching is involved when working in Vacation Bible School or a Sunday School Class. Others in the body of Christ will confirm whether you have the gift or not. Be open to their evaluation and counsel. Seek the counsel of mature believers who display your gift to help you along.

Exercising our gifts first begins with a desire to use our gifts. If desire is lacking, then we need to go before the Lord in prayer asking Him to grant us both the desire and motivation to use our gifts. Once we are motivated to use our gifts, we must seek to use them faithfully as good stewards of God's grace. Why is it necessary then to pray for grace to exercise the gifts when God gave each one of us grace as noted in the following Scripture?

Read Ephesians 4:7-8. In our prayer petition we are requesting grace to exercise the gifts God has graciously given us. Just because we are granted a gift does not mean that we will put it to use. How many gifts have we received that remain in the box or hanging in the closet unused? As Christians, we must put forth the required effort to use our gifts in the appropriate settings, at the right times, in accord with the values of the church, and the church leadership. Most importantly, adherence to biblical principles is first and foremost. As we serve, we cannot always depend on our own strength but we need to draw strength from God to be effective so that God may be glorified through our ministry efforts. Moreover, the Holy Spirit is the true dynamic behind the gifts. [Boa, Kenneth, Conformed to His Image] Our gifts, whether they are teaching, helping, serving, leading, or exhorting, must be exercised in dependence upon his power. When a member exhorts us to do good works within the church, let us not get angry. Instead, seize the opportunity to glorify God.

According to Kenneth Boa, ministry roles such as intercession, faith, service, helps, mercy, and giving are the responsibility of all believers, not just those who are specifically gifted in these areas. For example, some have the spiritual gift of evangelism, but all believers have a role of evangelism that corresponds to the opportunities they have been given. [Kenneth Boa, Conformed to His Image]

Finally, we should exercise our gift in love. Paul placed his great description of love (1 Corinthians 13) in the middle of the most extensive biblical passage on spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12-14). Romans 12 and Ephesians 4) also include exhortations to love (see Romans 12:9-10; Ephesians 4:15-16). {Boa, Kenneth]

Prayer - Father, thank you for the spiritual gifts you have granted me. I pray that you will give me the grace to exercise them in the spirit of love for the edification of the church and the exhortation of the believers. God, allow me to serve with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, and forgiveness. I pray that what you enable me to do will be for your glory alone. Amen

No Worries *Continued from page 1*

and I can never be free of worry if we don't have a personal relationship with the Lord. In this personal relationship that the Lord provides all of what we need. The Lord can do this because He is perfect in all His ways; there is nothing lacking in Him. Because nothing is lacking in Him, those of us who belong to will suffer no lack. Whatever He provides, He provides perfectly. This is why David says: "I shall not want."

When David considered "Who is" and "Whose he is," the negative "what ifs" no longer taunted him. David understood that the Lord provided rest in times of distress. In times of exhaustion, the Lord would give him the refreshment of peace. David, all too well knew his propensity to make mistakes, but he also knew that the Lord gives restoration. The Lord also provides routing, guiding David along the right paths. By now, I am sure that you realize that no matter what you need, the Lord is able to provide. He provides relief from your fears by being present, resources despite your enemies, reassurance for the journey by His constant mercy and goodness, and a residence with Him forever.

The New Living Translation translates the twenty-three Psalm in this manner: *"The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need. He lets me rest in green meadows; He leads me beside peaceful streams. He renews my strength. He guides me along the right paths, bringing honor to His name. Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for You are close beside me. Your rod and Your staff protect and comfort me. You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings. Surely Your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever"* (Psalm 23, NLT).

The gospel songwriter Milton Thompson uses these words:

*Because the Lord is my shepherd
I have everything I need
He lets me rest in the meadow's grass
And He leads me beside the quiet streams
He restores my failing health
And He helps me to do what honors Him the most
That's why I'm safe, that's why I'm safe
That's why I'm safe, safe in His arms*

No Worries!

Shalom!

Pastor Johnson

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP – 11:00 AM

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HOW TO ATTEND CHURCH ONLINE

GET OUT OF BED AND GET DRESSED

it will put you in the right mindset for worship

GO THROUGH YOUR NORMAL SUNDAY ROUTINE

minus the “hurry up, we’re late” part

GATHER TOGETHER AS A FAMILY

no multitasking; worship is a family activity

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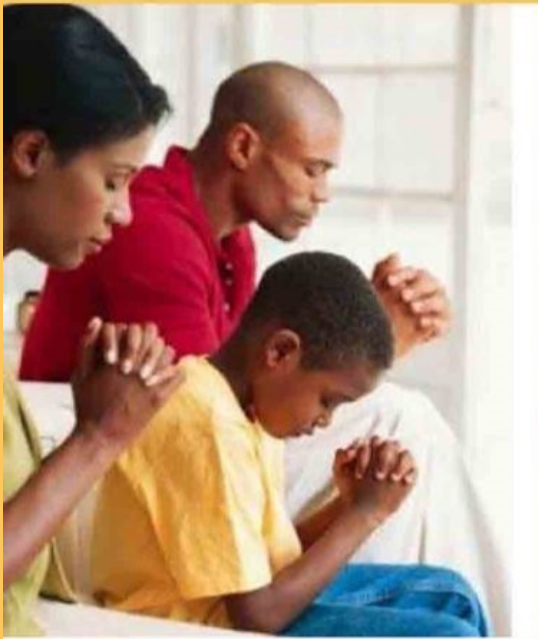
it will feel like you are really “there”

SING ALONG LOUD AND PROUD

it may feel weird, but it also feels weird to the people leading worship
in an empty room

PREACH WITH THE PREACHER

say amen, clap, shout and take notes; have a time of prayer at the end;
make your home a sanctuary




★ WEDNESDAY EVENINGS ★
THE CHURCH FAMILY
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IN PRAYER & STUDY

Live Stream via YouTube, Facebook, Teleconference, and Zoom*

6:00 PM - PRAYER

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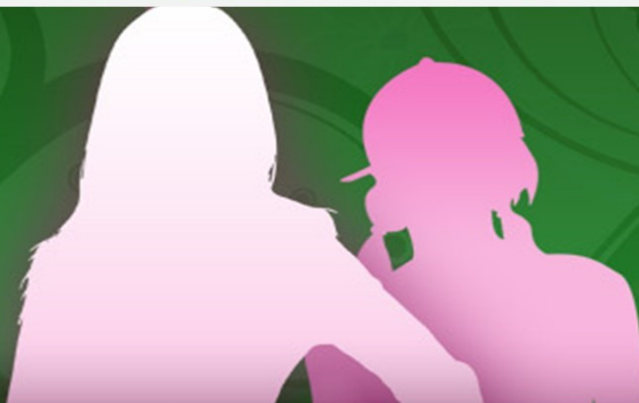
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with Rev. Debra Carter**

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SISTER TO SISTER

Celebrating and Continuing in His Abounding Grace (Lam 3:22-24)

Saturday
October 24,
2020



10:00 am

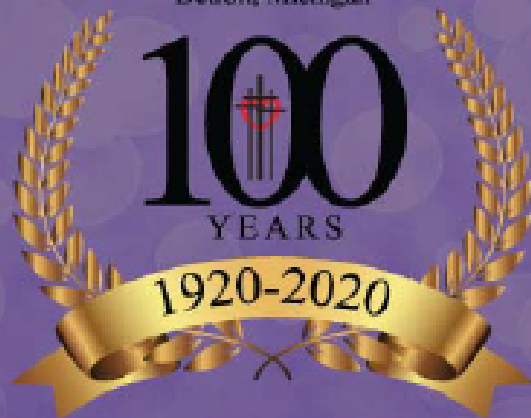
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Zoom Meeting Details ■ Additional Information

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CELEBRATING &
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GRACE

Lamentations 3:22-24

Special Prayer & Fasting Focus ~ October 2020

That God would grant us grace to exercise our spiritual gifts to edify the church and exhort others to good works (Reference Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:4-5).

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WEEKLY VIRTUAL MEETINGS AT-A-GLANCE

Sundays - 9:30-10:15am -

Teaching Ministry of Tabernacle Discussion of the
Sunday Church School Lesson
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Sundays - 11:00am -

Worship Celebration
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Wednesdays - 12:00noon -

Bible Study with Rev. Debra Carter
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Wednesdays - 6:00-7:30pm -

Church in Prayer & Study
Access via: Zoom 584 878 336,
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ADDITIONAL VIRTUAL MEETINGS AT-A-GLANCE

October 4, 2020 - 4:00pm - Group 18
Bi weekly Teleconference
Connect with Sis. Jacqueline Snodgrass

October 19, 2020 - 6:30pm - Marr-O-Not Fellowship
Monthly Prayer Teleconference
Connect with Sis. Charlotte Kennedy

Weekly Sunday School Lessons

Fall Quarter 2020—Unit II: Inclusive Love

October 4, 2020 - Love and Devotion to Others

1 Samuel 19:1-7

October 11, 2020 - Love Your Enemies

Luke 6:27-36

October 18, 2020 - Loving Your Neighbor

Luke 10:25-37

October 25, 2020 - Love Divine

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

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October 4, 2020

Brother Carl Brooks & The Hospitality Ministry

October 11, 2020

Emile Crawley Jr. & Family

October 18, 2020

Group 10/21

October 25, 2020

The Nurses' Guild

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WELCH, Sis. Nettie
WILMORE, Bro. Louis

Condolences

Brother Jeffrey Knight for the loss of his wife, and
Deaconess Betty Hooper for the loss of her granddaughter,
Sister Nicole Knight

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Sister Shirley Tolliver for the loss of her daughter,  
Sister Monique Green

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Disciple Duane Hill & Sister Corrine Hill for the loss of her Mother,
Sister Beulah Mack

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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Every Sunday                                                                                   |          |
| Worship Service.....                                                                           | 11:00 am |
| Sunday Church School .....                                                                     | 9:30 am  |
| New Member's Class .....                                                                       | 9:30 am  |
| Big Sisters • Children 2½-5 years • Child Development Center .....                             | 11:00 am |
| Observance of the Lord's Supper • Every 1st Sunday (11:00 am)                                  |          |
| Baptism • Every 2nd Sunday (11:00 am) ..... Dedication of Babies • Every 3rd Sunday (11:00 am) |          |
| Children's Worship Celebration • Every 1st & 3rd Sunday (11:00 am)                             |          |
| The Church in Fellowship, Study, and Prayer • Every Wednesday (5:30 pm-8:15 pm)                |          |

