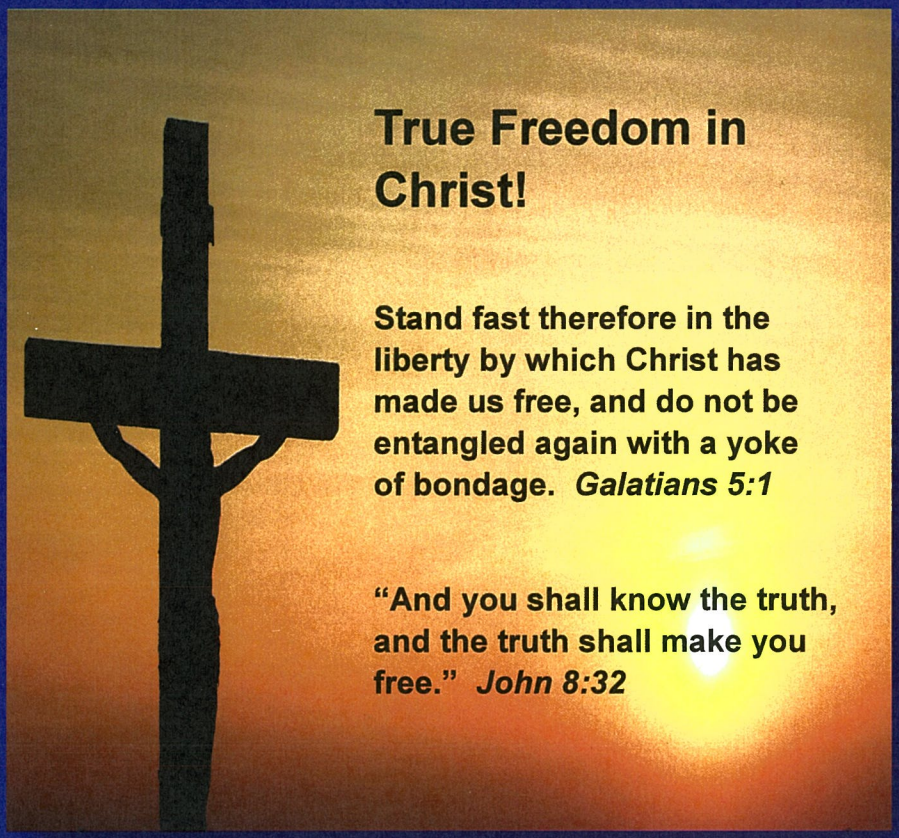
Unity

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Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! Psalm 133:1

July, 2018



Sundays:

- Prayer 9a
- Sunday School 9:30a
- Worship Service 11a

Wednesdays:

- Youth Bible Study 5:30p
- Prayer 6p
- Bible Study 6:30p

Coming up this month:

- Marriage Workshop
  Saturday, July 7, 10 a.m.
- Clean and Repair Day at Saint Matthew
  Saturday, July 14, 9 a.m.
- Youth Church
  Sunday, July 15
- Mt. Pilgrim District Congress of Christian Education Conference
  Mon.-Fri., July 16-20
  Statewide Conference
  Mon.-Fri., July 23-27
- Evangelism Training
  Saturday, July 28, 10 a.m.
- Men's Fellowship Breakfast
  Sunday, July 29, 8 a.m.

The United States of America celebrates Independence Day; Wednesday, July 4

May God Bless America!



Sermon Summaries

All sermons preached by Pastor Eddie Washington unless otherwise stated.

ONE BLOOD: United We Stand Acts 17:22-28

Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopaus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious;
"for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you:
"God, who made the world and everything I it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands.
"Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.
"And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and boundaries of their dwellings,
"so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; "for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'

In Paul's time, Athens was turned over to idolatry. There was division in the city; religious and spiritual divide and social divide. America is divided; there is a great spiritual divide in our society today. Church division is a problem.

Paul confronted division in the Book of Acts. His principle concern was for a true religion foundation that starts with the Truth. When we don't worship the true God we will always have problems. There are too many distractions; things become gods to people.

In this passage, Paul is saying it is time to put God in His rightful place. We need proper understanding of God; start with God who created all things. There is only one God-put Him in His rightful place! We need to get our lives right spiritually. Only God can put everything together.

Evangelicals; we all have the same bible but, sadly, different doctrine.

God needs nothing from us; we need Him! Jesus said that God is seeking those who will worship Him with all their hearts! God gives life and breath. We have to align our lives to God.

We are made by God from one blood! There is one blood that pulls us all together and that is the blood of Jesus Christ at Calvary. We've been washed in the blood! Jesus died that we might have a right to the Tree of Life. Take down idols and put God in His proper place!

We are on a mission and is to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Him. The blood of Jesus redeems us. By believing in Jesus Christ, we are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood!

Submitted by Sister Gwen Thomas 5/20/18

YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN! John 3:1-8

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.
This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."
Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."
Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"
Jesus answered, "Most assuredly , I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.
"That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
"Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'
"The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit." John 3:1-8

John writes with purpose; it is about belief in Jesus Christ. Nicodemus heard about Jesus and wanted Jesus to know that he knew Jesus was sent by God. Jesus told Nicodemus that first of all you must be born again; you have to change the way you operate in order to see the kingdom of God.
In this passage Jesus is referring to a spiritual birth, not a physical birth. Jesus wants us to know that there is a Kingdom on this earth and it lives in the heart of man.
When you come to Jesus Christ, you are not the same. He will cast your sins into the sea of forgetfulness. If you are born again, you can see through the world of chaos. Jesus is the Light of the world. The way to the kingdom of God is the rebirth through His Son, Jesus Christ!

Submitted by Sister Bess Griffin 5/27/18

CLOSING THE RANKS Exodus 17:8-16

Now Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim.
And Moses said to Joshua, "Choose us some men and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand."
So Joshua did as Moses said to him, and fought with Amalek. And Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.
And so it was, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed'; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.
But Moses' hands became heavy; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.
So Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.
Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write this for a memorial in the book and recount it in the hearing of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek form under the heaven."
And Moses built an altar and called its name, The-LORD-Is-My-Banner;
For he said, "Because the LORD has sworn; the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation." Exodus 17:8-16

We have to learn to close our ranks when the devil attacks. God will allow things in our lives as to where going through will bring us closer to Him.
Israel was complaining about everything. God allowed Amalek to come against them. Amalek were kinsmen to Israel; descendants from Esau. Amalek did not fear God. They would attack from the back and attack the weak.
Israel had to close their ranks. Moses was the leader. Joshua was assistant to Moses and was given the position to get some men and go out and fight. Joshua was sent to take a stand for God's purpose.
We cannot allow an "Amalek" to steal what God has purposed for us. We have to operate in the will of God.
In this passage, we see a commitment to God. We have to be willing to take a stand for God!
In times like these, the church cannot be missing in action. We have to be consistent in our service. We have to be committed to God. That is how we close our ranks and not let the devil in. It is by our service to God.
We have to have a heart for God, work together, help one another. Render our gifts to the service of the Lord.

Submitted by Sister Bess Griffin 6/3/18

We Are the Next Chapter

Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.
Proverbs 22:6

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Eric "Champ" Smith participated in the Special Olympics on Saturday, June 9 in Huntsville. He won 1st place in the Discus and 2nd place in the Javelin in his age group; qualifying Eric to be in the national competition held in New Mexico July 31-August 2.

Congratulations, Champ!

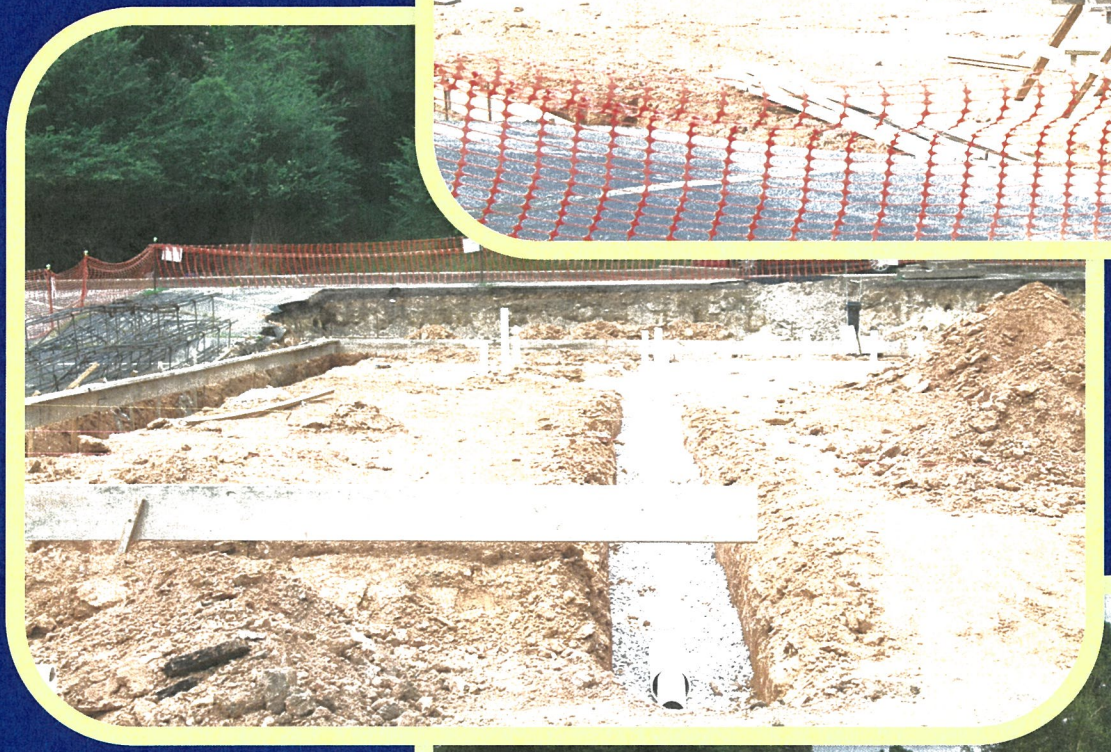
We're proud of you!

Join us each Sunday morning at 9:30 for Sunday School; and don't forget Youth Church on third Sundays

Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Youth Dinner & Bible Study

St. Matthew's O.V. Mosley Family Life Center





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God's Work In Progress

GOD'S GREATEST BLESSING, CHILDREN Psalm 127-1-5

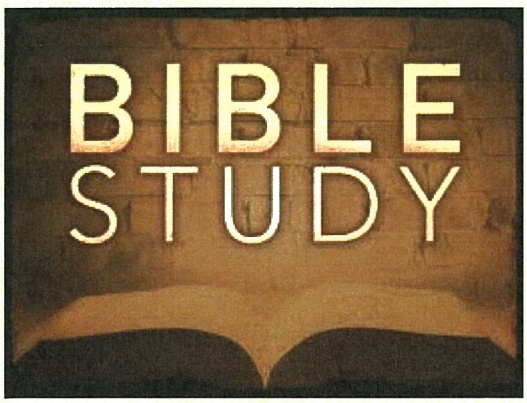
Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain.
It is vain for you to rise up early, To sit up late, To eat the bread of sorrows; For so He gives His beloved sleep.
Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward.
Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth.
Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; They shall not be ashamed, But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.
Psalm 127:1-5

God has entrusted us with a great treasure, our children! They are a heritage from God.
Today, we should be raising our children in the fear of the Lord. We need to plant good seeds in our children. It seems that we are filling our children with the negative things of this world.
We try to relive our lives through our children; to do the things that we didn't get to do. Some things we have to give up when we are blessed with children. When God blesses us there is usually a sacrifice.
Until we start being mindful of what we do in front of our children, they will have nothing else to pattern their lives after. *Submitted by Sister Deborah King 6/10/18*

SOME FATHERLY ADVICE Joshua 24:14 and 15

"Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD!
"And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River; or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

Joshua called a meeting in Shechem of all the tribes of Israel. He reminded the people of God's sovereignty and what God has done for them.
We have to be reminded that ever perfect gift comes from God; we are here because of God. This is good fatherly advice to be reminded what God has given us.
Joshua's advice is to fear God. It is God who protects us, God who sustains us. Fathers need to tell their children to serve the Lord. We have to serve God in sincerity and in truth. Serving the Lord makes you put away some things.
Joshua says if it seems evil to serve the Lord then chose who you will serve because you will serve something. We have to understand that there are little gods that people serve; that is the tool of the devil to enable God's people to lose their way. We have to put the one true God first! Joshua says "as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!" *Submitted by Sister Bess Griffin 6/17/18*



Come join us for Bible Study at Saint Matthew on Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Sunday School lesson review begins at 5:30 p.m.

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Our prayers continue to be with the family of

Bernett Thompson Davis

1954-2018

Welcome Sister Carlia Smith

CLEAN UP & REPAIR DAY

Saturday, July 14
9 a.m.—1 p.m.

We are looking forward to our church family (children & adults) coming out and participating in this quarter's clean up day at St. Matthew!

Two ways to volunteer....
1) You may let me know in advance the area you prefer to help;
or
2) You may show up that morning and be assigned an area.

Thank you,
Sister Vickie Williams,
Cleaning Day Coordinator

We'll be grilling hotdogs for our volunteers! Come out and enjoy the fellowship!!!

Mt. Pilgrim District Baptist Congress of Christian Education Annual Conference will be held July 16-20, 2018@ The Mt. Pilgrim Center @ 35th Ave. North.
There will be morning class and afternoon class. Make sure you sign up for a class.
The Statewide Conference will be held in Tuscaloosa, AL this year the week of July 23-27, 2018.
Thank you, Sister Deborah King, Leader, District #5

Happy Wedding Anniversary

Veronica and Robert Vasser

July 25, 2010

Saint Matthew's 2018 Women's Conference

Annual Women's Conference Saturday, August 25

We are Saint Matthew Missionary Baptist Church , Docena, AL

Our Vision is that of an all-inclusive church, ministering to the needs of all God's people, to transform and empower them through the teaching and preaching of the Word of God.

Our Mission is to progressively pursue the restoration of the spiritual, physical, and social condition of the community as we actively engage in reaching out to those who do not know Jesus the Christ as Savior and Lord.

Our Motto is "Making a Difference in the Lives of Others for the Kingdom of God," which reflects the heart of this church as we address the needs of the church and the community.

We Believe that our society will be best affected through the ministry of the church. We further believe that the church is the best organization of people to rebuild our battered communities. As the church grows, so do the community, the city, the state, and the country. We are going to make a difference: one person, one family, one community at a time, for the

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Reverend Eddie Washington, Sr.

"We do not have to raise the standard to become the men and women God wants us to be; we simply have to come up to the one He has already set."

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