

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

Sundays

Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:45AM

Wednesdays

Youth Bible Study and Activities (In Family Life Center) 5-6:30 P.M.

Adult Bible Study (In Sanctuary) 6:30 P.M.

YOUTH WEDESDAY
BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE FOR
May, June, July and August:

MAY 7 & 14

JUNE 4 & 11

JULY 23 & 30

AUGUST 20 & 27

Coming in June:
Youth Sunday 6/22
VBS 6/23-27
Fun Day & Car Show 6/28



Celebrating our New Members!

Saint Matthew will host a dinner to celebrate our New Members and to officially welcome them into our Church Family

on Sunday, May 18, 2025

(Immediately following Morning Worship Service)

in the Fellowship Hall

of the O.V. Mosley Family Life Center



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ORDINARY PEOPLE WHO HAD THE COURAGE TO STAND Esther 4:13-16

Reverend Edwin Washington, Associate Minister Saint Matthew Missionary Baptist Church

¹³ And Mordecai told them to answer Esther: "Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king's palace any more than all the other Jews. ¹⁴ For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

¹⁵ Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai: ¹⁶ "Go, gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish!"

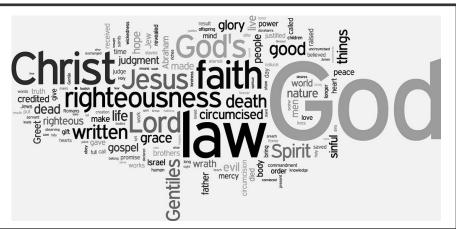
Esther, a Jewish girl, was chosen by God to be queen, a position that was divinely provided for her. She was chosen for a reason, and her actions were a result of divine providence. Esther's actions were a result of God's will. As a child of God, it is crucial to obey God's will, even if it means standing up against laws.

Esther was reminded of the importance of accepting one's calling and putting faith in God rather than man. She had favor with God, and when she followed and trusted God, her enemies became his footstool.

We have to accept our calling and trust in God. Without faith we cannot please God. Sometimes, we must go through hardships to understand who God is, but if God is on our side, that's all we need. Ordinary people, like Esther, stand for righteousness and faith in God's word. God used Esther to move a nation.

Submitted by Sister Tara Williams, Sunday, March 30, 2025

Join us weekly on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 for Adult Bible Study led by Pastor Eddie Washington



THE CROWNING OF MESSIAH Mark 11:7-11

7 Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it. 8 And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:

"Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

10 Blessed is the kingdom of our father David That comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

11 And Jesus went into Jerusalem and into the temple. So when He had looked around at all things, as the hour was already late, He went out to Bethany with the twelve. The Bible is an awesome historical book. It is the Word of GOD and it is accurate. Four hundred years prior to the Palm Sunday entry of Jesus being acknowledged as the Christ, Daniel had prophesied the moment to its very date.

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In the Book of Daniel 9: 25 you will find him referencing the entry of Messiah on Palm Sunday. Jesus entered into Jerusalem in AD 30. Daniel prophesied Messiah in 445 BC. When you add the years total, it was 483 years prior that Daniel had informed Old Testament saints of the Messiah's entry. So, it was said by historians of the Bible that Daniel's prophesy had to be a lie or it was written later in history. GOD the Creator does not make things up. He does not throw horseshoes on a hit and miss. GOD is accurate and He is Sovereign.

The Crowning of Messiah can be found in the Book of Saint Mark. It speaks to Jesus being acknowledged as Messiah and it is His last public appearance and occurs after He had fed the five thousand in John chapter six. The mixed multitude was so amazed at Jesus's works that they wanted to crown Him king. But it was not in GOD'S plan for Jesus to be crowned king.

The crowning of Jesus was not a true crowning. The crowning of Jesus in that moment in time was not genuine. When we study this event, we have to be careful with how it is viewed. The praise of Jesus was short lived. They turned on Him and stated that He was to be crucified.

This mixed multitude around Jesus reminds us of the multitude that surrounded Moses. It took thirty days for the multitude to turn on Moses. The mixed multitude turned on Jesus and in five days, He was crucified.

The people were polluted and messed up. They wanted a king that would come in on a white stallion. They did not want the humble servant riding in on a donkey's colt.

Jesus Christ came to save not to conquer. He came to redeem not reign. When the Pharisees came to the conclusion that Jesus was not with their program, they turned on Him. The Pharisees contaminated the people with lies. The purity of the Son of GOD was contaminated by lies from them.

Jesus came to pay a ransom for a sin sick world. He fulfilled His purpose that GOD had planned for Him. The Church was angered by Jesus and by the end of the week they had nailed Him to the Cross.

Palm Sunday prepared Jesus for His Real Crown. They took Him to the tomb and early Sunday He rose with all Power in His hands.

Today the question you need to ask yourself, am I mad with GOD?

The Pharisees and the elders were given a choice of Barabbas or Jesus. They chose Barabbas. Who will you choose?

Submitted by Sister Bess Griffin, Sunday, April 13, 2025



Join us each Sunday at 9:30 a.m....



UNSCRAMBLE THE DIFFERENT NAMES OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST AS REFERRED TO IN THE BIBLE:

- 1. TIBGRH AND NORMING TRAS (Rev. 22:16)
- 2. **ERUT NIVE** (John 15:1)
- **3. YAD GRIPNS** (Luke 1:78)
- **4. IMA** (John 8:58)
- 5. THRICS (Matt. 1:16)
- 6. LEUNAMIM (Isaiah 7:14)
- 7. TADENION (Psalm 2:2)
- 8. **NOS FO AMN** (Daniel 7:13)
- 9. INKG OF SIGNK (Rev. 19:16)
- 10. FLOWRUNDE (Isaiah 7:14)
- **11. ODGO PHEEDRSH** (*John 10:14*)
- 12. HAPLA NAD GOAME (Rev. 1:11)
- 13. NICERP OF CEEPA (Isaiah 9:6)
- 14. CABRNH (Zechariah 6:12)
- 15. ROLD OF DROLS (Rev. 19:16)
- 16. STIRF DAN HET STAL (Rev. 1:11)
- 17. CROLESOUN (Isaiah 9:6)
- **18. OROD** (John 10:9)
- **19. YLOH EON OF ODG** (*Mark 1:24*)
- 20. SUSEJ OF THEARZAN (Matt. 26:71)
- **21. USEJS** (Luke 2:21)
- **22**. MLAB FO ODG (John 1:29)
- 23. JUGED (Acts 10:42)
- **24. TORO OF VADID** (Rev. 5:5)
- **25. STUJ** (Acts 3:14)
- 26. VASRIO SUSEJ TSIRHC (Titus 2:13)
- **27. NAPOTETEAT** (*I Tim. 6:15*)
- 28. REALVINSTEG THERAF (Isaiah 9:6)
- **29. HISAMES** (John 1:41)
- **30. TREEHAC** (John 1:38)

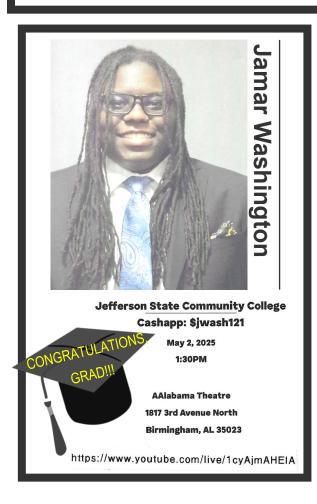
Shining the Spotlight!

On Sunday, April 13th, Saint Matthew recognized, honored, and celebrated Sister Arylene Washington! We love you,

We love you,
Sister Washington, and
thank God for you.









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FROM DEATH TO DESTINY Romans 6:4 Reverend Larry Batie, Pastor Peace Baptist Church, Mulga, AL

Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

As children of God, we are to step out of the grave clothes of sin and walk in the power of new life, our God given destiny.

Salvation isn't just about being saved from sin. Salvation is also about being raised into a new way of life.

Easter isn't just a celebration of personal transformation, it's a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus.

Three points:

- 1. You can't have resurrection without a burial. Christ had to die first; He couldn't raise until He died. If we're going to walk in the newness of life, we've got to die. We have to die to the old ways. We have to die to the past and the old attitude.
- 2. The same power that raised Jesus lives in us. Jesus came out of the tomb so that the others could get in. Jesus could have walked through the stone. God didn't move the stone so that Jesus could get out, it was so that they could get in.

We need to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit. If you're resurrected, you're walking in the power.

God has all power. Sometimes God allows things to happen for a particular purpose. Hold on, God is still in control.

3. If you know you've got the power, live like you're alive. God is with you, He is living in you. Be alive in spirit. Be alive in attitude. Be alive in how you greet folks. Walk in joy, walk in the resurrection power.

Be dead to sin but alive in Christ!

Submitted by Sister Victoria Williams, Sunday, April 20, 2025

THE CASE OF THE RESURRECTION I Corinthians 15:1-6

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, ² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. ⁶ After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep.

The Case of the Resurrection, involves proof that Jesus, Son of GOD, was raised from the dead.

Today, the proof of the Resurrection has been logged off as fraud. This has caused atheism to spread worldwide. And this lie began well over 2,500 years ago in Jerusalem. You will find it in the Scriptures of Matthew 28:11 - 15. The lie began and the lie is still being told the same way to this present day.

In this letter to Corinth, Paul shows evidence of the case of the Resurrection and there are three points to be made. The first evidence given, the Church is a witness. The way the Church becomes a witness by its members giving their testimony. I have not always been a saint. People will see the transformation that has taken place in me. The Church can attest to the fact that my life has been transformed because Jesus lives. Paul shows the transformation that occurred in him. I preached, received, and I stand. I know that GOD does not need me, but I need Him. It is a blessing being a child of GOD. The story needs to be told that we serve the True and Living GOD.

Second, Jesus Christ died for our sin. The Word of GOD is called as a witness. It is the evidence given for the Resurrection. Isaiah 53: 4 says "Surely, He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by GOD, and afflicted." Scripture says that He died and rose on the third day. He died for the salvation of the world.

Third, the eyewitness accounts have been called in as evidence to the Resurrection. The disciples of Jesus Christ are witnesses. Peter declared that he was there when Jesus appeared in the upper room after the Resurrection. Thomas placed his fingers in the holes of Jesus's wrists. Jesus's disciples who walked with Him for three years and were witnesses for the case of the Resurrection.

The Case of the Resurrection is paramount in the life of the believer. It is our driving force. Jesus is the reason why Adam is not to blame anymore. The Resurrection is why the door was opened to heaven. The way through that door is to choose Jesus Christ as our salvation. Don't let anyone tell you that Jesus Christ did not rise from the dead.

Submitted by Sister Bess Griffin, Sunday, April 20, 2025

We are Saint Matthew Missionary Baptist Church of Docena, AL

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Our Vision is that of an all-inclusive church, ministering to the needs of all God's people, too 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 doo 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 Kingdom of God.

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Reverend Eddie Washington, Sr., Pastor

"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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