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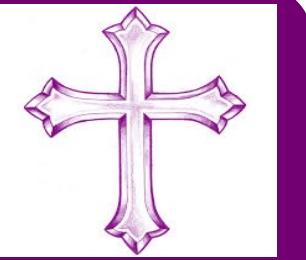
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Just A Nobody

L.A.Davis

Grace, Peace, and Love Familly! Welcome to the *sensational* month of **SEPTEMBER!!** We thank our Most Awesome GOD for allowing us to see the ninth month of 2017.

As we see the news of the devastation and heartbreaking flooding in southeast Texas and southwest Louisiana, I ask that you continue to keep them in prayer and offer tangible assistance where you can. It happened to us, so we have a good sense of the needs after such destruction...

After this year's Men Day program, my nephew Jordan,

who is fascinated with the drums, Bro. Spencer, and singing, broke out into an old Williams Brothers song, *I'm just a nobody, trying to tell everybody about Somebody, Who can save anybody.*

While we know we **are** somebody in Christ Jesus, I believe the song expresses our heart attitude. The humble and loving way we should share the Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. And as we share this message, we are not to get puffed up or prideful as we see God working through us. Our attitude should always be one of humility.

We see that in the lives of the apostles in the book of Acts, when God did a work through them, many times people fell at their feet, trying to give them the glory, however, the apostles quickly stopped them and directed their praises to GOD. We should quickly do the same as ALL the glory belongs to GOD!

So I too sometimes feel just *like a nobody, trying to tell everybody, about Somebody, Who can save anybody!* In case you don't know, that **Somebody** is JESUS CHRIST!

In Jesus' Love...



From The Pastor's Desk



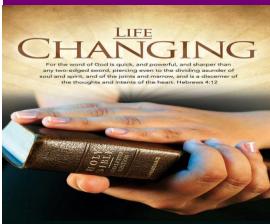
Greetings once again in the blessed name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, As we enter into the blessed month of September 2017, I am so thankful to Father God for blessing us to see another month. We serve a blessed and faithful God. We must not be unfaithful servants. The Bible is a record of God's faithfulness to a faithless people. Those of us who are disciples of our Lord, Jesus Christ, have been blessed beyond measure. God's word reminds us

however, "For unto whomsoever much is given, of Him shall be much regained. And to whom men have committed much, of Him they will ask the more. (From Luke 12:48) The good news is that we have been entrusted with the Gospel. Jesus experienced death and separation from the Father, which all unfaithful humanity truly deserves. Our faithful God brought us out of darkness by the way of the blood of Jesus and gave us the power

to become faithful followers of Him. Many people in churches today, whether due to bad teaching or bad theology, struggle with assurance of salvation, but thanks be to God who has given the victory in Jesus Christ. Therefore, by the power of the Holy Spirit we can let our life and light shine bright for Jesus. May God bless and keep you in His care!

**From the Pastor and First
Lady, William and Emily
Davis**





Words To Live By

"WHAT ARE YOU HUNGRY FOR?"

Blessed are those who are hungry and thirsty for what is right. They will be filled.— Matthew 5:6 There are three important concepts here that must be understood if we are to understand this teaching—hunger, thirst and right. To be hungry is more than just to feel a little emptiness in your belly; but to be hungry, as Jesus talks about hunger, is to experience discomfort and exhaustion as the result of a lack of food. And, of course, Jesus is not talking about food for the body, but food for the spirit. To be hungry is to crave; it is to make something the number one priority. To thirst after something is to suffer as the result of the absence of that something in one's life; to thirst is to be parched; to thirst is to be dry and to long for something that will bring refreshment. Jesus knew that His hearers would understand hunger and

thirst; unlike most of us, these were people who had experienced true hunger and suffered genuine thirst. These were people who might have gone days at a time without having a meal. And when they did eat, seldom could they eat and drink to satisfaction. But Jesus promises here that there is satisfaction for those who hunger and thirst after what is right: They shall be filled; they shall be satisfied.

What is right or righteousness? Theologically, righteousness is, "Imputed guiltlessness before God." To be righteous is to have the stain of sin lifted from us and to be declared guiltless as the result of our submission to Christ's Lordship. But righteousness is not something that we should take for granted. We must hunger for righteousness; we must thirst for righteousness. And if we crave righteousness for the soul as we crave food and water for the body, then not only shall we receive, but we shall be filled. For what do we hunger and thirst? For what do we crave in life? For too many, right is



not thing we long for. And when we fail to crave right, we hinder Christ's work. When we fail to love our neighbor as ourselves, we're hindering Christ's work. When our conversation and our behavior is indistinguishable from the world, we're hindering Christ's work. All of this has to do with hungering and thirsting after right. Prayer: Heavenly Father, as we go today, we are in need of Your righteousness. Help us to hunger for You; to thirst for You; to seek You with all of our hearts. And then, let us live lives before the world—believers and unbelievers—that reflects Your character, Your Lordship, Your love. In the name of our Lord, Jesus, we pray. AMEN! (F. J. Smith-devotional)

September Birthdays

First Lady Emily Davis

Happy Birthday to all of those born in the month of September! As the year goes on, we thank God for every new day that He has blessed us with. May you celebrate the gift of life that the Lord has given you and include him in all that you do. We pray that as you enjoy your special day, you will take time to recognize the wonderful things that God has done in your life. Thank him for giving you another year of his glory and grace. We wish you a safe and blessed birthday.



WHY I STAND

Submitted by First Lady Davis

I stand because Jesus died for all my sins;
I stand because I know where my new life begins.

I stand because I know the Word of God is true;
I stand because many times He's brought me through.

I stand because for me, He laid down His life;
I stand because His love, removes all misery and strife.

I stand because God has given me power over the enemy;
I stand because it is He that has made me free.

I stand because without God, I couldn't live;
I stand because all that He has, He will freely give.

I stand because He has given me a burden for lost souls;
I stand because some day I will reach my heavenly goals.

I stand by faith, because His promises are sure;
I stand because He loved me enough to knock at my heart's door.

I stand because He has given me unspeakable joy;
I stand so the devil can no longer steal and destroy.

I stand in the Spirit because, there I found Power;
I stand so, I can be a part of His plan in this very last hour.

I stand so that somebody will be able to see Jesus in me;
That's why I stand, that some lost soul can be totally set free.

No Justice, Know Jesus

Sis. Velma Cador Gray

Greetings in the matchless name of Jesus. Giving praise and honor for another month.

In light of all the world's current and past events, changes in existing laws, passing of new ones, statements being made so boldly of hate. We should all be reminded of who we are, and Whose we are, children of the highest King, **King Jesus.**

Thought out history injustice has occurred, and even in this day and age the same is evident. But in

spite of all the bad, we have someone that sits high and looks low. Let us remember that we must continue to pray, **Pray without ceasing,** 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18, **Keep the Faith-** Mark 11:22-24. Knowing that no matter what goes on around us, Jesus is in control.

Stay in School, Listen to your parents, read your bible, a good novel even the newspaper, put down your cellphone

and video games for a while and learn about the current events of today and your history of yesterday. Learn your past, prepare for your Future, the time is now, Jesus is on his way back.

NO JUSTICE, KNOW JESUS!



It's Prayer Time

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Sis. Gloria J. Gray

Pray without ceasing.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people. Psalm 105:1-2

We have been blessed through rain and very hot heat in the month of August but can't complain. September is approaching and my prayer is that God will shower down his love and blessings to all. Just keep your mind, heart, and eyes on the Lord Jesus for he is worthy to be praised. Pray, pray, - for our young children; and for healing for the sick and shut in.

You pray for me and I will pray for you and watch my God

"In His Loving Arms"

Who can make a sunbeam
sparkle in the sky,
Put a magic in the dawn,
send a butterfly,
singing birds in springtime,
gentle April showers,
lend a touch of fragrance
to the Junetime flowers?

Who can form a rainbow
when the storm is through,
place a lovely cloudstep
in the skies of blue,
build the highest mountain,
form the wondrous sea,
the miracle of Autumn, each colored leaf and
tree?

Hold us, oh, so firmly
in His loving arms,
forgive our each transgression,



lend us angel charms,
walk beside us always,
patiently to trod,
give us life unending....?

No one – only God.

By: Garnett Ann Schultz

Pray on my child, you pray on.
God is Love!



God has the whole world in His hands!



*Remember to join us on September 24, 2017 at 11:00 a.m., as we honor our Associate Pastor,
Rev. Leonard J. Harrel
Please come out and show your love and support to this blessed man of God.*

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Please join us:

**Sundays at 11:00 a.m.
(Worship Service)**

**Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.
(Prayer Meeting and Bible Study)**

**Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.
(Mid-week Service)**

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