

BLACK HISTORY Month

KNOW THE PAST, SHAPE THE FUTURE



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February's Fulfillment Hour Lessons Unit 3: Love Songs that Glorify God

The three lessons in this closing quarter of study will focus on the Books of Psalms. The quarter begins with a focus on song of adoration for God's steadfast love, and ends closes with a praise song to God for assurance of protection and comfort for those who love God.

February 3th – "Renounce Everything for Christ" ((Philippians 3:7-14)

⇒ Central Truth: Philippians 3:13-14 (AMP) – "I do not consider, brethren, that I have captured and made it my own [yet]; but one thing I do [it is my one aspiration]: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the [supreme and heavenly] prize to which God in Christ Jesus is calling us upward."

Paul worked at forgetting the past. He faced what so many of us face:

- 1) failure and shortcoming
- 2) the struggle to forget it and to move on

How does one do this? In my opinion it is one of the most difficult things in all the world to do. And it is especially difficult if others are not forgiving and willing to let the believer put his failure behind him. But note: Paul tells us how to deal with the past. How? By concentrating and controlling the mind and by reaching forth to those things which are before us.

In one focused act, we must forget the things that are past and reach forth to those things that are before us. The act involves two parts: both forgetting and reaching forth. The past cannot be forgotten without reaching forth to what lies ahead. The things of the past are to be forgotten. The things of the future are to be the focus of the mind. The believer is to zero in on the things at hand and on the things that lie ahead. If we do this, there is no time to wallow around in the past and its failure.

February 10th – "Pondering God's Steadfast Love" (*Psalm 48:1-3, 9-14*)

⇒ Central Truth: Psalm 48:14 (AMP) – "For this God is our God forever and ever; He will be our guide [even] until death."

As we worship God, we too should meditate on His unfailing love for us. We should remember all the times we have experienced God's faithfulness through difficult circumstances. In all of these as well as in other perils of life, we are sustained by God's unfailing love for us. As believers in His Son, we are His children. As the recipients of His new covenant, we are kept by His power and are safe in His care. Just as the Hebrews were instructed to do, we should mark God's faithfulness and bear witness to His power. We need to pass along the stories of God's unfailing love to our children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

The greatest danger a nation faces is not the invading enemy on the outside but the eroding enemy on the inside—a people gradually turning away from the faith of their fathers. Each generation must pass along to the next generation who the Lord is, what He has done, and what they must do in response to His goodness and faithfulness.

February 17th – "Praising God's Mighty Works" (Psalm 66:1-9, 16-20)

 $\Rightarrow Central Truth: Psalm 66:1 (AMP) - "MAKE A joyful noise unto God, all the earth"$

This celebration of the Lord's deliverance begins with a fervent call to praise God. Israel's leader humbly recognized that this victory they were enjoying was not achieved by their own hands. It was the wondrous work of the Lord, the only true and living God, who is faithful and omnipotent and who reigns supremely over all.

The purpose of praise and worship is to glorify God. The psalmist emphasized this, instructing the people to sing forth the honor (glory) of God's name and to make His praise glorious. God's name represents everything that He is: His character, His attributes, His greatness, His works, His worthiness. To make His praise glorious is...

- 1) To praise God with your entire being, all of your strength.
- 2) To give God the full measure of glory that He is due.
- 3) To tell others how glorious God is.

February 24th – "Living with God's Loving Assurance" (*Psalm 91:1-8, 11-16*)

⇒ Central Truth: Psalm 91:15 (AMP) – "He shall call upon Me and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him."

Special blessings are promised to those who cling to the Lord. When we call on God, He promises to answer us. He will be with us in times of trouble and will deliver and honor us. Long life was one of the most coveted blessings in Old Testament times. God promised to reward those who cling to Him not only with this gift but also with a satisfying and fulfilling life. Then, when the believer's time on earth comes to an end, the Lord promises to show him His salvation. Thus, the believer will see and enjoy the most precious promise of all: eternal life in God's presence.



The Promises of God in Five Translations WITH INTERPRETATION

Psalm 49:15 (KJV) – "But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me. Selah."

Psalm 49:15 (NIV) – "But God will redeem my life from the grave; he will surely take me to himself. Selah"

Psalm 49:15 (NLT2) – "But as for me, God will redeem my life. He will snatch me from the power of the grave."

Psalm 49:15 (MSG) – "But me? God snatches me from the clutch of death, he reaches down and grabs me."

Psalm 49:15 (AMP) – "But God will redeem me from the power of Sheol (the place of the dead); for He will receive me. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!"

Scripture teaches that the grave (sheol) is not the final stopping place of the self-sufficient nor of any other unbeliever. After God's plan for this world has been fully carried out, the unrighteous dead will be raised to appear before God at the Great White Throne Judgment. There, they will be judged according to their deeds, and they will be sentenced to the lake of fire for eternity.

The bodies of the righteous, however, will be gloriously raised when Jesus Christ returns. Scripture teaches that from that point forward, we will forever be with the Lord, ultimately living with Him eternally in the new heaven and the new earth.

The psalmist confidently identified himself with the redeemed righteous, as noted by the pronouns my and me. Now, the most important question regarding eternity is, in which group will you be?



CHURCH MEMBERS IN ACTION



Sis. Hattie White

Sis. White was honored by Top Ladies of Distinction as an Unsung Sheroe for her dedication to Education. The event was held at the Foreman

Reynaud Center on January 19, 2019. 5 other retired Educators were honored at the event.



Sis. Gwendolyn Garner represented the Lake Charles Chapter, Top Ladies of Distinction Inc. during the 2019 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade. Pictured with her is her husband and driver of the day, **Bro. Eugene Garner**.



Mt. Calvary members attended the Senior Citizen luncheon at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on January 10th. The group had a spirit-filled time at the event.

Submitted by Linda W. Singleton



Mr. Carl Brecheen and Mr. Paul Faulkner

Marriage Enrichment training by Rev. Henry and Deaconess Patsy Carston started class #1 this morning in the Fellowship Hall.

Students:

Mr. Richard Clark & Mrs. Carla Clark Mr. Jarvis Joubert & Mrs. Jeanie Joubert Rev. August Pete & Mrs. Linda Pete Rev. Duane Pete & Mrs. Mary Pete Deacon Gil Ashworth & Deaconess Emily Ashworth Mr. Earl Boutte & Mrs. Colleen Boutte Deacon Larry Henry & Deaconess Beverly Henry Sis. LaShonda Johnson Sis. Barbara LeDay

Class size is limited to 16. Registration forms are located in the church's main office, foyer, the Christian Education office, and on the church's website at www.themtcalvarybc.org, under the Ministry tab. Return registration form to the main office, the Christian Education office, fax it to 337-433-4420, or email it to harmoo@suddenlink.com.

Baptist Ministers' Union of Lake Charles & Vicinity City Wide Revival

March 4-8, 2019



Noon Day Evangelist Rev. W.T. Glynn

7 PM Evangelist Rev. T.Chapman



"One on One"

With

Sis. Renae Jarner In Celebration of Pastor & Wife 27th Anniversary

Saturday, March 9 11:00am – 2:00 pm

To the Women & Girls⁽⁾ You're Invited Goosport Park Family Community Center 1619 Cessford St. Lake Charles, LA

Rev. Elmore & Sis. Renae Garner

27th Appreciation Service Coordinated by the Hospitality Ministry Anniversary Theme"

"The Good Shepherd" John 10:11-16 Pre Anniversary Service



Sunday, March3, 2019 @ 11am Children & Youth Ministry in Charge

<u>Anniversary Service</u> Sunday, March 10, 2019 @ 11am



MAKING THE GRADE MOUNT CALVARY'S 2018-2019 3.0 RECIPIENTS

The 3.0 Club gives special recognition for all K-12 Mount Calvary students that meet the requirement of earning a 3.0 or above grade point average. Those students who further meet the Sunday School attendance requirements of no less than 7 Sundays per 9 week semester also receive a monetary gift.





FIRST GRADE: <u>HONOR ROLL</u> - Ayden Griffin-son of Sis. Betty Griffin, Brandon Hebert Jr.-son of Bro. Brandon & Sis. Alyssa Hebert THIRD GRADE: <u>HONOR ROLL</u> - Iyannah Sterling-daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Constance Sterling, Landon Mitchell-son of Bro. Anthony

& Sis. Santana Mitchell FOURTH GRADE: <u>HONOR ROLL</u> - Alayjah Harris-daughter of Bro. Brandon & Sis. Alyssa Hebert.



FIFTH GRADE: <u>BANNER ROLL</u> - Camron Greene-son of Bro. Eric and Sis. Julie Green, <u>HONOR ROLL</u> - Anna Pettis-daughter of Sis. Christe Pettis, Ga'breon Talbert-son of Sis. Ikeiala Bell SEVENTH GRADE: <u>3.0</u> - Nigil Ashworth-son of Deacon Gil and Deaconess Emily Ashworth EIGHTH GRADE: <u>3.0</u> - Adrieanna Savoie-daughter of Sis. Tempest



NINTH GRADE: <u>HONOR ROLL</u> - Marcus Greene -son of Bro. Eric and Sis. Julie Greene, Allonah Ashworth-daughter of Deacon Gil and Deaconess Emily Ashworth, LaTavia Mone' Myers-daughter of Sis. Moneaka Myers and Travis Myers TENTH GRADE: <u>HONOR ROLL</u> -Tryniti Foreman-daughter of Sis. Valarie Thomas ELEVENTH GRADE: <u>BANNER ROLL</u> - Santia Riggs-daughter of Anthony and Santana Mitchell 3.0 - Lacey Pitre-daughter of Bro. Deueul and Sis. Vanessa

Pitre **TWELFTH GRADE**: <u>HONOR ROLL</u> - Maya Wilson-daughter of Bro. Kerrel & Judge Sharon Wilson.



You have brains in your head You have feet in your shoes YOU CAN STEER YOURSELF in ANY direction you choose





A Little History About Black History Month

Also called African-American History Month, this event originally began as Negro History Week in 1926. It took place during the second week of February because it coincided with the birthdates of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. **Carter G. Woodson**, a Harvard-trained historian is credited with the creation of Negro History Week.

In 1976, the bicentennial of the United States, President Gerald R. Ford expanded the week into a full month. He said the country needed to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."

Black History IS American History. LEARN ABOUT IT.

I'm sure you've heard at least one of these:

"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it," or "If you don't know where you've come from, you don't know where you're going." Well those quotes hold true. If we don't tell the old, and old, old stories, then the next generation, and we ourselves, will forget them. It's vitally important to know about Black history because, for one, it is American history, it belongs to all of us and secondly, because if each generation doesn't know or takes for granted the battles fought and won before them for freedoms they have today then they may not recognize when those freedoms or liberties are being threated. It is also important to know that not all Black history starts in slavery. Blacks have contributed to the creation of America from its beginnings.

DID YOU KNOW...that black Americans fought against the British? One such man was **Lemuel Haynes**. He was one of the Black "Minutemen" or militia members that fought at the Battles of Lexington and Concord in 1775, the battles that began the American Revolutionary War. Haynes was a former indentured servant, born to a White mother and an African father. He earned his freedom from servitude (not slavery) and at age 21 volunteered to become a Minuteman. Other notable facts about him are that he taught himself to read and write, entered into ministry and became the first Black pastor of a White church, and he was also the first Black man to ever receive an advanced degree (although it was honorary) from Middlebury College. Find out more about him and the thousands of other Blacks, free and enslaved, who fought courageously in every battle America has entered.

Ways to observe Black History Month

- 1. **Read Black authors.** Maya Angelou, Ta-Nehisi Coates, James Baldwin, Octavia Butler, Jesmyn Ward, August Wilson, Michelle Obama.
- 2. Enjoy films by or about Black people. He Who Finds a Wife, The Central Park Five, The Learning Tree, The Marva Collins Story, Selma.
- 3. Visit museums. Whitney Plantation, Wallace, LA; Smithsonian National Museum of African American History & Culture, Washington, DC; Black Heritage Gallery, Lake Charles, LA.
- 4. Listen to broadcasts of Black interests. Brown Ambition, Snap Judgement, Pass the Mic.
- 5. **Talk.** Share your experiences with people of different backgrounds. You could even invite them to join you to discover more about Black history.



Black Heritage Festival 2019 Scholarship

REQUIREMENTS:

Graduating High School Senior Minimum 3.0 GPA ACT Score of 20 or Higher



Recipient may attend any accredited 4-yr college, community college, or technical school and enrolled with a minimum of 12 semester hours. Obtain a scholarship application from the Black Heritage Festival website (bhflc.org) or from a high school guidance counselor. <u>Applicants</u> complete **Sections I, III, IV, V, VI** <u>High School Counselor</u> completes **Section II**

ALL DOCUMENTS REQUESTED <u>MUST</u> ACCOMPANY THE APPLICATION.

MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 15, 2019

Mail to:

Black Heritage Festival Attn: Scholarship Committee 809 Kirby Street, Suite 207 Lake Charles, LA 70601

If viewing online click here for application https://bhflc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/BLACK-HERITAGE-FESTIVAL-SCHOLARSHIPS-2019.pdf



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APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT MEETING ON FEBRUARY 12TH.

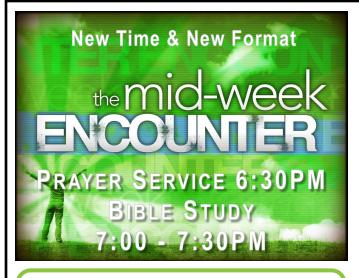
Federally funded program and applicants must meet these qualifications:

Gross household income less than 200% of federal poverty line OR Earned Income Tax Credit Guideline & \$10,000 or less in personal/business assets. In addition, participants must be able to demonstrate and document with IRS schedule C or other, at least one year of active business ownership. Please attend the meeting for full guidelines and application assistance.

Children's Corner

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Mount Calvary Baptist Church SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION Events for February 2019

February 2019 Read Across America Book Collection

* Congregation is asked to donate K-5th grade appropriate books to be given to our partner school, Ralph Wilson for the Read Across America Day campaign on March 1, 2019.

February 10, 2019 - 2nd Sunday Black History Month Sunday

* Congregation is asked to wear African, HBCU, or Greek attire.

February 17, 2019 - 3rd Sunday Random Acts of Kindness Day

* Congregation is asked to show kindness to people you wouldn't necessarily come in contact with. Examples:

- ^o Donate a K-5th grade book for Read Across America Day
- ° Visit a sick & Shut-in ^o Pay for someone's lunch ° Send a card
 - ^o Assist a widow/widower/senior

February 24, 2019 - 4th Sunday UNCF Sunday

* Congregation is asked to donate money to support the United Negro College Fund.

The Sunday School Fulfillment Hour Newsletter is a monthly newsletter. Submissions are due by the third Sunday of each month, either by email or dropping in Bro. Harmon's church office mailbox.

> Make submissions to: sundayschoolfulfillment@gmail.com

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