

RESPONSIVE READING

#57. Black History Observance

A Litany from the African American Heritage Hymnal

Leader: Oh God, you have heard the anguished cries of our ancestors. Their sounds echo and penetrate time to remind us of our foreparents who were brutally captured and forcibly enslaved, as they left the peaceful womb of their African homeland.

Congregation: “Stony the road we trod.”

Leader: Oh God, you have seen the millions of dark bodies buried beneath the tumultuous waves of the deep. Bodies of African men and women who held the seeds of greatness. You have seen women’s dreams for a united family vanish as they were sold at auction blocks. You have seen the legacy of the African American family decimated and demeaned by those who have attempted to control our destiny.

Congregation: “Bitter the chastening rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died.”

Leader: Oh God, you have ignited the sparks within us into a blazing demand for freedom, equality and justice. This quest cost Harriet Tubman sleepless nights, as she led her people to freedom; it was an equality that Rosa Parks and civil rights activists fought for and gave their lives for; it was a justice that Martin Luther King, Jr. stood for, as thousands stood with him at the Lincoln Memorial.

Congregation: “Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet, come to the place for which our fathers sighed?”

Leader: Oh God, you have seen our tears. You have been pained by the evil of human hearts. Yet, you loved humanity enough that you sent your only Son to identify with the outcast, marginalized and rejected. As the cries of Jesus pierced your heart, so have the cries of your people—cries from different cultures and in different languages.

Congregation: “God of our weary years, God of our silent tears.”

Leader: O God, you answered us during our exodus from Africa. You wiped every tear-drop during our exile in captivity. Our foreparents dared to dream that one day, on these shores, we would become politicians, preachers, educators, doctors, writers, scientists, artists and so much more.

Congregation: “Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee.”

Leader: Our ancestors’ hard work, their courage, their convictions, and their belief in you paved the way for our emancipation and education. But it is clear, you have liberated us. You have set us free. “Free at last, free at last, thank God Almighty, I’m free at last!

All: “Lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world we forget Thee. Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand. True to our God and true to our native land.”

Morning Worship Service

February 18, 2018

11:00 A.M.

PRAISE AND WORSHIPZBC Praise Team

CALL TO WORSHIP/INVOCATION

HYMN OF WORSHIP#191 “Glory To His Name”

RESPONSIVE READING.....#57- Black History Observance.... led by Sis. McKayla Moore

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS/ FELLOWSHIP

BLACK HISTORY SKITYouth Ministry

OFFERING.....Youth Choir

PREPARATORY SELECTION.....Youth Choir

SPOKEN WORD.....Pastor Davis

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP.....#145 “Just As I Am”

ALTAR PRAYER

BENEDICTION

ZBC ANNOUNCEMENTS

*ZBC Radio Broadcast on WWDM 101.3 FM, 7:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m. every Sunday morning.

*Thursday Morning Prayer 7:00a.m.-7:15a.m. Please call 1-641-715-3395 and the access code is 511288#. Prayer requests should be sent to zionprayerline@gmail.com.

*To receive church messages and event updates, go to www.ConstantMessenger.com. to install the app, find our church and begin receiving messages and event updates.

>>>>PLEASE KEEP IN MIND<<<<

*USC Women’s Basketball team against Kentucky is **Today, February 18**, 3:00 p.m.

***February 26**—Church Business meeting, 6:30 p.m. For members only.

***March 4**—Hampton University Concert Choir in concert hosted by ZBC and Hampton University Columbia Alumni, 5:00 p.m.

Pastor Davis’ Preaching Schedule: **March 14**—Gill Creek Baptist Church, 6:30 p.m.; **March 29**—Bethlehem Baptist Church Holy Week, 7:00 p.m.; **April 8**—St. Luke Baptist Church, Salisbury, NC.

***March 17**—Shopping Trip to the “Mall of Georgia”. Cost \$40. Please sign up and submit payment to Sis. Beverly Springs and Sis. Charlie Mae Gunn on or before **Sunday, February 18**.

>>SAVE THE DATE<<

***April 17-19**-Goforth/Graham Leadership Conference, 6:30 p.m. Guest lecturers—Rev. Dr. Lafayette Maxwell, Rev. Camilo Richards and Rev. Marcus Fairley.

PLEASE NO FOOD OR DRINK IN THE SANCTUARY—THANK YOU!!

***Monday February 19**—Newsletter Ministry meeting, 5:30 p.m.;

***Tuesday February 20**—Trustee Ministry meeting, 6:00 p.m.

***Wednesday February 21**—**Senior Citizens Day Camp**, 10:00 a.m.; **Prayer Service**, 6:00 p.m., **Youth Bible Session**, 6:30 p.m.; **Bible Study**, 7:00 p.m.

***March 11**—ZBC Women’s Day, 10:45 a.m.

*Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to **Dea. John (Sis. Shirley) Bookhart** and family in the loss of their brother-in-law.....to **Sis. Rebecca (Dea. Herbert) Barnette** and family in the loss of her sister.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

***February 20**—“*Together We Stand Divided We Fall: Stories from South Carolina’s Civil Rights Movement.*” Dr. Bobby Donaldson, Director of the Center for Civil Rights History at USC will present an evening program about South Carolina’s civil rights movement. Using materials from the USC archives as well as the Columbia 63 documentary project, Dr. Donaldson will highlight the events, individuals, courage and perseverance that mark this important time in the history of our state. Lexington County Public Library 6251 St. Andrews Rd., 7:00-8:00 p.m.

***Lent Revival:** Frances Burns UMC, 5616 Farrow Rd., **February 21** and **February 28; March 1** and **March 8** at 6:30 p.m.

***March 3**—Baptist E&M Region 2 Fellowship meeting, Saint John Baptist Church.

***March 12**—Gethsemane Baptist Association Workshop, St. Matthews First Baptist Church.

***March 13-15**—Gethsemane Baptist Workshop, Greater St. Luke Baptist Church (Pooling of the funds for Benedict College will be collected during this workshop)

***March 17**—Benedict Founder’s Day @ Benedict College, 10:30 a.m.