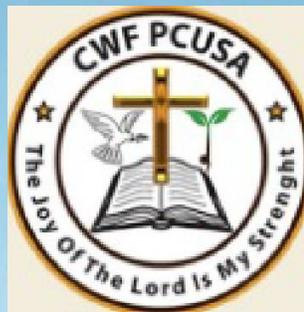


*The Christian Fellowship Movements of
Presbyterian Church USA
5TH Annual Rally*



“I am the vine; you are the branches...” John 15:5

*Saturday September 21st 2019 and
Sunday September 22nd 2019*

*Hosted to the Glory of God by
Mt Paran Presbyterian Church
10308 Liberty Road – Randallstown, MD 21133
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Acknowledgements

“I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers” **Ephesians 1:16**

The Pastor, Associate Pastors, officers and members of Mt Paran Presbyterian Church,
the National Officers of CWF/CMF/CYF PCUSA
and the officers and members of Mt Paran CMF & CWF

give thanks and praise to the Glory of God for the many individuals who had a hand in this weekend’s celebration.
We wish to especially thank the many members of Mt Paran who prayed and sacrificed so much for this weekend.
We pray God will bless each of you according to His abundant great love, goodness, grace and mercy.

...whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.” 1st Corinthians 10:31

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*Welcome from your
Host CWF & CMF*

*"I can do all things through
Christ who strengthens me"*

*"With us in mind,
God had a better plan"*





Words of Welcome from Pastor Edward A. Terry, Senior Pastor, Mt Paran Presbyterian Church

*Pictured:
Pastor Ed Terry, Sr. Pastor Mt Paran PC &
Spiritual Advisor Mt Paran CMF*

*Lady Terry,
Minister of Music and Liturgical Arts,
Mt Paran PC & President Mt Paran CWF*

Welcome to Mt Paran Presbyterian Church in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior!

A special welcome is extended to all of the CWF / CMF / CYF groups from other churches.

As pastor it is my privilege to bring all of you greetings on behalf of The Session and the entire Mt Paran church family.

I want to point out two special things about Mt Paran. First Mt Paran was established in 1715. The fact that we have been here for 304 years is a living testimony that God is faithful. Since The Lord has preserved, provided, and protected this church for 304 years I know that Jesus has big plans for Mt Paran. Secondly, the name Mt Paran was chosen because Mt Paran is an actual place in the Sinai Peninsula and is the place where God revealed Himself to the children of Israel. (Deuteronomy 33:2 & Habakkuk 3:3) Several other interesting Old Testament events took place in the Desert of Paran and the Plains of Paran. You can read about them in Genesis 21:21; Numbers 10:12, 12:16, 13:3, 13:26; Deuteronomy 1:1; 1st Kings 11:18. The fact that God revealed His glory to His children at Mt Paran and that God has preserved His church at Mt Paran for over 300 years provides proof that God's hand is directing the mission of Mt Paran.

I have had the privilege of witnessing a number of miracles at Mt Paran since I became the pastor in 2004. In 2004 there were only 34 people on the church rolls and the average worship attendance was less than 12 people. The elderly all white congregation was tired, building maintenance had been neglected, and some of the members wanted to give up and close the doors. But the Session was strong and we prayed for one black family to

come and join us since the people in Randallstown were predominately African American. Two weeks later a family from Cameroon came and joined Mt Paran. We prayed for one family and God sent us a nation. Today we are blessed to have over 250 members with the majority coming from Cameroon. As a church we have been blessed with the joy and excitement that the Cameroonians brought to our worship experience.

In 2009 a CWF group was started at Mt Paran and a CMF group was formed in 2010. Since that time both groups have grown numerically and spiritually. Today we are proud to be hosting the 5th Annual PCUSA CWF / CMF / CYF Rally. Many of the CWF / CMF members at Mt Paran serve as Elders, Deacons, and teachers in our youth programs. Our church has truly been blessed by having the CWF / CMF at Mt Paran.

Again welcome to Mt Paran Presbyterian Church!

Edward A. Terry, Jr.
Pastor



*Words of Welcome from Associate Pastors
Anita Bishop-Johnson and Donna Lea
Mt Paran Presbyterian Church*

Greetings in the Matchless Name of Jesus Christ!

Pictured: Left to Right:
Pastor Anita, Pastor Ed, Pastor Donna

We are so honored to host the National Rally of the Christian Men Fellowship and the Christian Women Fellowship here at Mt Paran. Matthew 28:19-20 calls us to go and “make disciples”. The movements of CWF and CMF do just that. With their lifelong commitments to evangelism, Christian education, Biblical study, fellowship, and service to the church and community, this is one way that call is fulfilled.

We are blessed and honored that God has called us to Mt Paran and we are truly overjoyed to share in the ministry that God is building here. Mt Paran is truly a place to grow and find your call to ministry in the Kingdom of God. If you arrived here today without a church home, we encourage you to pray and consider joining us in worship, ministry, and fellowship. You will find here a worshipful people and the joy of Christ! You and your family will be welcomed here!

If you arrived here today without knowing Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior, you do not have to leave in the same condition. We are truly a church that is about furthering your relationship with Jesus as the center of your heart and your life. Simply see one of the Pastors, Elders or any of the CMF or CWF members and we will be happy to share the joy of knowing Jesus Christ with you!

In Christ’s Service,

Pastor Anita Bishop-Johnson

Pastor Donna Lea

Associate Pastors,
Mt Paran Presbyterian Church



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September 17, 2019

Pastor Edward A. Terry, Jr.
Mt. Paran Presbyterian Church
10308 Liberty Road
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Dear Pastor Terry:

I greet you on behalf of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, one of 16-synods in the PC (USA). The Synod Moderator, Pastor Mawuna Gardesey, from New Castle Presbytery also sends his greetings. The Synod spreads across the regions of DEL, MD, DC, VA, NC and eight counties in W. VA. It is comprised of 237,989 members, 1,339 congregations, and 14 presbyteries. It is the largest of 16-synods. I am delighted that Mt. Paran Presbyterian Church is one of the 1,339 congregations. Further, I am delighted that Pastor Edward A. Terry, Jr., is its pastor, a member of Baltimore Presbytery, and a commissioner to the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic.

So I greet you, the Session and the Mt. Paran Presbyterian Church Family with Jesus Joy! It is a delight to learn of the exciting mission and ministry occurring in this vibrant congregation. My interest in Mt. Paran peaked nearly a year ago as you shared the transformation story about the church and its growth. That story needs to be told near and far. It was then that I developed a yearning to one day visit. However, with your recent invitation to attend the September 20-22, 2019 National Rally of the Christian Women's Fellowship and Christian Men's Fellowship, I am unable to attend due to an extremely busy workload and travel schedule.

You have chosen a powerful rally theme and it appears likewise that you have selected capable retreat leaders and speakers. I know that I will miss a very high time in the Lord! You have shared with me the amount of energy and preparation organizations in the church will place in to the song competition. I am sure that the Angels in heaven will rejoice as praises are lifted up to God. If any of the music competition is recorded, I would love to be able to access it.

Again, please share with your congregation and particularly the leaders of the Christian Men Fellowship, Christian Women Fellowship and the Christian Youth Fellowship my prayers and support for how they are allowing God to use them. I look forward to the day that I am able to see you all face to face at Mt. Paran. **"I was glad when thy said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."** Psalm 121:1

Peace and Blessings.

Warren J. Lesane, Jr.
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September 21 2019

To the faithful members of Mt. Paran Presbyterian Church in celebration of their Rally Day of the Christian Women's Fellowship and the Christian Men's Fellowship

My most heartfelt congratulations to the members of Mt. Paran Church. This celebration boasts of how God is doing great things in your midst. I trust you will continue to prosper as you receive God's continual blessings.

By God's grace I pray Mt. Paran will continue its unwavering commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to the glory of God and the power of the Holy Spirit demonstrated through its gracious hospitality and service to their larger community.

May this celebration be filled with joy and thanksgiving as you look forward to many more celebrations of faithfulness.

"Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.²¹ Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Jacqueline E. Taylor

General Presbyter



Welcome from Sister Lydia Namondo Evakise CWF PCUSA National President

THE THEME THIS YEAR – 2019

“I am the Vine; you are the branches...” (John 15:5)

I can do all things, through Christ who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13)

Welcome to our **5th Annual Rally of the Christian Fellowship Movements** of the Presbyterian Church USA. I am so excited to have everyone here today from far and near for our 2019 Rally hosted by Mt. Paran PC Christian Women Fellowship and Christian Men Fellowship groups.

This rally is a come together of Christian believers sharing our passion for the ways of Jesus Christ as in the Delegates Meeting that takes place on Friday, September 20, 2019. In these meetings, we share testimonies of God’s love in our lives, and learn from each other thereby drawing strength in the joy of serving the Lord. We take the activities to serve each other in our homes and communities around us seriously as our uncompromising responsibility in serving the Lord, thus our vision;

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we the Christian Women Fellowship (CWF) PCUSA, serve God’s people whole heartedly in our homes by fostering a strong nurturing spirit filled witness for Christ. In faith through prayers and Bible studies, the CWF-PCUSA, will support missions in then congregations, communities, and practice faith in relationships with other Christian Associations.

Let us continue standing on the pillars of our foundation, which are **Fellowship** with one another, the Presbyterian Women of PCUSA and the Christian community at large. Stand firmly on the pillar of the **Doctrine** which reveals to us in the Gospel of John (our 2019 -2020 Bible Study) that Jesus of Nazareth is Christ, the son of God and those who believe Him might have eternal life. **Stewardship** as one of the pillars that reminds us to manage God’s temple of worship, and His creation in tithing and talent, recognizing that “the earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof and they that dwell therein.....” (Psalm 24:1). And finally, God has commissioned our CWF PCUSA movement strongly on the pillar of **Evangelization** in sharing the unconditional love of God to mankind that He gave us Christ that who so ever believes in His shall not perish, but enjoy life in its abundance.

Please, join us in celebrating the victory on Calvary in worshiping God in truth and in spirit. Any woman who is 18 years and older, and a communicant member of the Presbyterian Church USA can became part of this great movement – CWF PCUSA in any of the congregation.

Thank you to all groups and participants who came to take part in this 2019 Annual Rally from Texas, Maryland, and Garden State of New Jersey, including all nurturing and mentoring new groups. We thank our various Presbyteries of PCUSA and most especially the Presbyterian Women (PW) of our church at large. And most importantly, thank our host of this year's Annual Rally - Mt. Paran PC CWF/CMF and the church Leadership for outstanding shepherding of God's flock.

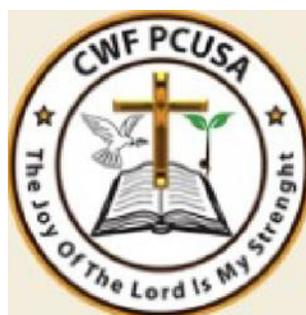
Let us keep the Faith, work together in Synergy and Finish well together. God show you favor as you return home to your families after this 5th Annual Rally celebrations in Music and spoken words to honor and exaltation to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Blessings and Favor,

Lydia Namondo Evakise

CWF PCUSA National President (Servant Leader)

On behalf of the CWF PCUSA National Office



One of the great recent blessings from God was the reception of the new Adelphi CWF

Welcome from Brother Charles Nyam CMF PCUSA National President



Greetings from the National Secretariat of CMF PCUSA!

“With us in mind, God had a better plan” and ‘living together as God’s people’. We thank everyone who supported us in one way or the other before, during and after our New National Uniform Dedication on August 17th 2019. May the Lord continue to bless you as you bless others. Messages pouring into our National Secretariat concerning the uniform dedication states it was a great success. We praise and thank God for that.

Our 5th Annual Rally of the CMF, CWF, and CYF is around the corner. We invite all Christians to come and see how these movements witness to Jesus Christ through Biblical studies, liturgical singing, and drama and encourage Christian men and women to individually consider joining us ‘in the morning train’.

The Christian Men Fellowship (CMF), Christian Women Fellowship (CWF) and the Christian Youth Fellowship (CYF) have come to stay in the PCUSA. Our common goal is to encourage Christian men and women to serve the Lord Jesus Christ in the church, family and society in hope and love. The movements originated from Presbyterian Church Cameroon (PCC) in Africa and were formerly coordinated by PCC from 2003 until 2014 when we decided to belong to CMF PCUSA.

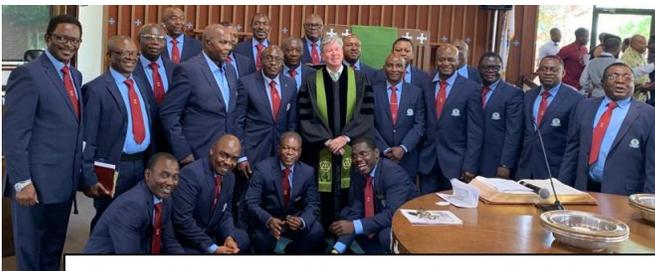
These movements are growing strong and abiding in Jesus Christ and are influenced only by The Holy Spirit. They are PC USA movements but with blended cultures, so we are pleading with all PCUSA congregations to open wide their doors to these triangular movements, for we are one in the Lord Jesus.

If any congregation, Sessions, Pastors, etc. have an appetite for these movements to be in their congregations, please feel free to call upon General Secretary 240-640-4982, President 513-885-5598, or the Evangelism Secretary 301-318-8292. We are preparing to meet with you all at our Annual Rally on September 22nd 2019 at Mt Paran Presbyterian Church in Randallstown, MD. We wish you and your families the very best of Christ’s blessings for the year 2019.

In Christ,

Charles Nyam

National President
CMF PCUSA



One of the many blessings from God this year was the dedication of our new uniforms



A Brief History of The Christian Women Fellowship and Christian Men Fellowship at Mt. Paran Presbyterian Church

In 2008 as our church grew in numbers and with a new spirit of purpose we began to hear about a movement that was rooted in Cameroon, Africa. Many of our members spoke of the wonderful evangelism and fellowship of the movement and also of the empowerment that it brought to the churches and communities where the movement was active. Sister Mary Ngwa introduced the women of our Bible study to the CWF Movement and told us how we could become an active group. As God took control and opened the doors we became a baby group with our Mother Group Silver Springs Presbyterian Church in 2009. The group at MPPC was inaugurated and dedicated in 2011 and thus our journey and adventure began. We became part of Presbyterian Women PCUSA in 2015 and have grown not just numerically but in our spirituality, fellowship and our outreach to our community and beyond. Mt. Paran also became home to a CMF group in 2010 and they also have grown with us. It is wonderful to see the groups in church as the members are part of every Session Ministry in the church. Our Session Ministries meet every second Sunday as part of our worship service and the leadership of the entire church is multiplied. Both the CWF and the CMF are also active in the music of our church. Our worship service is a blend of excellent traditions from several cultures and we are becoming known in our community as that church that loves the Lord. We gather as a family of God with many faces. We are Christian Women Fellowship and Christian Men Fellowship in a discipleship dedicated to serve The Lord with gladness showing others that the joy of The Lord is our strength. We proudly join with the other groups in other parts of the USA as we pray our Movement will grow and carry the Gospel of Jesus Christ to every heart as they turn to Jesus as Lord. It has been a blessing to serve as President for this loving circle of women and call them my Sisters.

Lady Terry
President CWF PCUSA at MPPC

Retreat Order of Worship

Saturday September 21, 2019 at 9am Main Sanctuary

Worship Leader: Anita Bishop-Johnson, Associate Pastor Mt Paran PC

Songs by groups or individuals

Welcome

Call to Worship – Psalm 100

Prayer

Introduction of Theme “*I am the vine; you are the branches...*” John 15:5

Group Bible Study Breakouts (20 minutes)

Large Group Discussion (20 minutes)

Prayer Stations (25 minutes)

Lunch and Luncheon Speaker, Jaff Bamenjo,

PCUSA International Peacemaker from Cameroon,

and Coordinator of RELUFA, the Network for the Fight Against Hunger,
a Joining Hands partner of the Presbyterian Hunger Program in Cameroon

Closing Remarks & Closing Prayer

Benediction:

“May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”

(Heb. 13:20-21)

Bible Study - John 15:1-17

15 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes^c so that it will be even more fruitful. ³You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

⁹“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷This is my command: Love each other.

Discussion Questions

Group A

1. What needs to happen for a plant to bear fruit? What needs to happen for us to bear fruit?
2. Does fruit grow by accident, or is it the result of what the planter or gardener does? Do Christians produce fruit by accident?
3. How can we ensure that we are producing fruit?
4. In the life of a Christian, what is the primary factor in determining the kinds of fruit (attitudes, actions, words) that will be produced in life?

Group B

1. When Jesus says “I am the true vine,” what is he claiming about himself?
2. When the vine is talked about in the Old Testament, who is that a reference to? (i.e. Psalm 80:8-16 and Isaiah 5:1-7). Who is the vinedresser?
3. What does the vinedresser do to care for and provide for the vineyard?
4. How has God provided for and cared for you? d. Have you ever undergone the pruning process so that you can produce more fruit? Was that process painful? Was the result worth undergoing the pruning process?

Group C

1. How many times does Jesus use the word “abide” in this passage? a. What is the key to producing fruit in the life of a Christian? What must they do in order to bear much fruit?
2. What does it look like for someone to “abide in Jesus”?
3. If a Christian comes to you and says they do not feel they are abiding in Jesus, what would have to change?
4. When Jesus talks about bearing much fruit, is he talking only about evangelism? What other fruit could he be talking about that is important to see in the life of a Christian?

Our Luncheon Speaker

Jaff Bamenjo

Jaff Bamenjo serves as Coordinator of the Network for the Fight Against Hunger (RELUFA), a Presbyterian Hunger Program partner of Joining Hands – Cameroon. He is also a 2019 International Peacemaker with the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.

Jaff coordinates the advocacy campaigns on land and food justice and transparency in the extractive industries. Jaff started working with RELUFA in 2009 as program assistant and in 2011 was promoted as the Coordinator of the network. He will be speaking about the work of RELUFA to address the root causes of poverty and hunger, the recruitment of young people by the Boko Haram insurgency in Northern Cameroon and the ongoing conflict in the Anglophone part of Cameroon, a conflict that has also affected neighboring countries like Nigeria. These conflicts have caused internal displacement and pose a great challenge to peace and security in the country. “Christians have fled into the bush and to neighboring states, and churches are now empty,” Jaff writes. He holds a Masters degree in Development Studies from the Institute of Social Studies in the Hague, the Netherlands where he majored in the Politics of Alternative Development, and a Bachelors degree in Political Science from the University of Yaounde II in Cameroon.

Brother Bamenjo will be visiting PC(USA) churches Sept. 13 to Oct. 7. During his time in the U.S., he will visit the Presbytery of Lake Michigan in Southern Michigan, the Presbytery of Baltimore, the Presbytery of the Western Reserve in Northern Ohio and Blackhawk Presbytery in Northern Illinois.

Depart for Outreach Evangelism Visits

Groups should please select a location from the two listed below.

Visits should last no longer than 30 – 45 minutes.

Organized by Elder Bernard Mbah, Evangelism Ministry Chair, MPPC

FUTURE CARE COURTLAND

7920 Scotts Level Rd, Baltimore, MD 21208 at 1.30pm

Driving Directions to Future Care from MPPC

LEFT onto Liberty Road

LEFT onto Old Court Road

RIGHT onto Scotts Level Road

Future Care is just a little past Mollye Road

--Or--

FREDERICK VILLA NURSING AND REHABILITATION CENTER

711 Academy Road, Catonsville, MD 21228 at 1.30pm

Driving Directions to Frederick Villa from MPPC

LEFT onto Liberty Road

Merge onto I-695 towards Glen Burnie

Merge onto Baltimore National Pike/US-40 via EXIT 15A toward Baltimore

RIGHT onto Academy Road

Frederick Villa is on the left.

Worship Celebration Sunday, September 22, 2019 11am

Welcome

Welcome in the name of Jesus the Christ! We are pleased that you chose to worship at Mt Paran today. We are also pleased to welcome all CWF / CMF / CYF 5th Annual PCUSA Rally participants and honored guests.

As people arrive, let us prepare ourselves for worship. Let the prelude be the beginning of your worship experience. Please pray for those who lead the worship service; pray that God will open your heart to hear His word today; and pray that your praise and worship of Almighty God will be acceptable to Him. If you are a visitor, please write your name, address, and phone number on the friendship pads at the table near the entrance to the tent so that we can be responsive to your needs and stay in contact with you.

Order of Devine Worship

GATHERING FOR THE WORD:

PROCESSIONAL: To God Be the Glory (page 23)

WELCOME: Assisting Elder Charles Tangwan

Greeters: Edmond Abeh, Mike Hodges, Kevin Matthis, Theresa Tangwan

PRELUDE: "You Are The Vine" – Daniels

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD:

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 105: 1- 4

"Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. ²Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. ³Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. ⁴Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always."

PRAISE SONGS - Led by Pauline Tanwani and Jessica Fongye

INVOCATION: Pastor Anita Bishop-Johnson

HYMN # 344 "Grace Greater Than Our Sin" (page 22)

CALL TO CONFESSION:

"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." 1 John 1:8

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father as we come before you this morning we confess that we often chose to go our own way and to do our own thing rather than to stay closely connected to you. Sadly we forget that you created us for your pleasure and we confess that we often act like you exist for our pleasure. Sadly our words and our actions hurt other people and we destroy our witness for you. Forgive us Lord and give us the courage and the commitment to closely follow you, to be totally dependent upon you, and to give you permission to take full control over our life so that we will produce fruit that is pleasing

to you. Lord as we seek your presence this morning we pray that you will reform us, renew us, and revive us so that we can be your fruitful disciples. We make our prayer in the name of Jesus who is our Risen Savior and our Living Lord. AMEN

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS: Pastor Anita Bishop-Johnson

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus” Romans 8:1

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD:

Lay Readers: Akwa Angwafo, Pam Carter, Jayden Tanwani

SPECIAL MUSIC: “No Longer Slaves to Fear”, Beatrice Muma & Prince Akum

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS: Pastor Ed Terry

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Lord we are eager to hear your word to us today. Send The Holy Spirit to teach us. Open our ears our minds, and our hearts to receive and to apply your word to our daily life. Change us Lord to be more like Jesus. Use us Lord to proclaim the good news of Jesus. In the name of Jesus we pray. AMEN

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: (NT) Galatians 5:13-26 (page 25) Akwa Angwafo

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: (NT) 2nd Peter 1:5-8 (page 25) Pam Carter

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING: (NT) Matthew 7:15-23 (page 26) Jayden Tanwani

FOCAL SCRIPTURE READING: (NT) John 15:1–17 (page 26)

SERMON: “Chosen to Bear Fruit” - Pastor Ed Terry

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER: Pastor Donna Lea

THE JOYS OF THE PEOPLE: Pastor Ed Terry

RECEPTION OF A NEW MEMBER:

Fru Angu Dtuendonng by Reaffirmation of Faith

Apostle's Creed (page 21)

Hymn: “Bless Be The Tie That Binds” verse 1 (page 24)

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS:

Ushers: John Abeh, Gladys Fai, Bernard Mbah, Ernest Mfobujong, Kingsley Tita

Counters: Emmanuel Akum, Cassandra Azue Pam Carter, Stallone Kemende

OFFERTORY: “East To West” - Hems & Hall – Mt Paran Youth Choir

DOXOLOGY (page 22)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION - Deacon Pauline Tanwani

LIVING THE WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Deacon Eric Nchumuluh

HYMN # 605 “Living For Jesus” (page 23)

CHALLENGE & BLESSING: “May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” 2nd Corinthians 13:14

BLESSING & POSTLUDE: “To God Be the Glory” – by Crosby (page 23)

SERMON NOTES

Chosen To Bear Fruit John 15: 1 – 17

- The role of the gardener, the vine, and the branches
- What it means to remain in Jesus
- How do we produce fruit?
- What is the fruit we are to produce?
- Why we are expected to produce fruit.
- Promises to those who remain in Jesus
- Conclusion

Announcements

*Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend The Rally & Singing Competition after Worship.
Lunch will be offered following The Rally and Singing Competition.*

You are also invited to our other exciting activities this week at Mt Paran:

Friday September 27 - 6:00 pm - Children's Choir & Youth Choir

Friday September 27 - 7:15 pm - SMORES (Age 2 - Grade 5)

Sunday September 29 - 8:30 am - French Class

Sunday September 29 - 9:45 am - Bible Discussion Groups for all ages

Sunday September 29 - 11:00 am Worship

We Have Continuing Prayer Concerns For:

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You must call Pastor Ed or Pastor Anita if you want to place a person's name on the list.

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate; Was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into Hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Worship Songs for Sunday September 22, 2019

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Hymn # 344 "Grace Greater Than Our Sin" Johnston & Towner

Verse 1 Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
 Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
 Yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured,
 There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain:

 Grace, grace, God's grace,
 Grace that will pardon and cleanse within!
 Grace, grace, God's grace,
 Grace that is greater than all our sin.

Verse 2 Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold,
 Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
 Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
 Points to the refuge, the mighty cross. [Refrain]

Verse 3 Dark is the stain that we cannot hide -
 What can avail to wash it away?
 Look! there is flowing a crimson tide;
 Whiter than snow you may be today. [Refrain]

Verse 4 Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
 Freely bestowed on all who believe!
 You that are longing to see His face,
 Will you this moment His grace receive? [Refrain]

Hymn # 813 DOXOLOGY

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.

Hymn # 605 "Living For Jesus" by Chisolm & Lowden

Verse 1 Living for Jesus a life that is true,
Striving to please Him in all that I do,
Yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free,
This is the pathway of blessing for me.

Refrain:

O Jesus, Lord and Savior,
I give myself to Thee;
For Thou, in Thy atonement,
Didst give Thyself for me.
I own no other master;
My heart shall be Thy throne.
My life I give, henceforth to live,
O Christ, for Thee alone.

Verse 2 Living for Jesus who died in my place,
Bearing on Calv'ry my sin and disgrace -
Such love constrains me to answer His call,
Follow His leading and give Him my all. [Refrain]

Verse 3 Living for Jesus wherever I am,
Doing each duty in His holy name,
Willing to suffer affliction or loss,
Deeming each trial a part of my cross. [Refrain]

Verse 4 Living for Jesus thro' earth's little while,
My dearest treasure, the light of His smile,
Seeking the lost ones He died to redeem,
Bringing the weary to find rest in Him. [Refrain]

Processional & Postlude Selection:

“To God Be the Glory” by Crosby

1. To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

2. Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Hymn # 426 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" by Fawcett & Naegeli; Arr. Mason

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

Scriptures for Sunday September 22, 2019

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1st Scripture Reading: Galatians 5:13 - 26 (NIV)

¹³You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

¹⁶So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever^[c] you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

¹⁹The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

2nd Scripture Reading: 2nd Peter 1: 5 - 8 (NIV)

⁵For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. ⁸For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

3rd Scripture Reading: Matthew 7: 15 - 23 (NIV)

¹⁵“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. ¹⁶By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them. ²¹“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²²Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ ²³Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

4th Scripture Reading: John 15: 1 – 17 (NIV)

¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

⁹“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷This is my command: Love each other.

³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, Phippians 1:3-4

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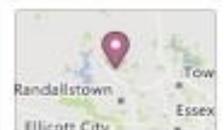
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1 Corinthians 13:4-13

*⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.
⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.*

⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

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