



THIS WEEK AT AFFINITY

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A SERMON SERIES...

"...and Thou shall call Him;

JESUS

for He is for the saving of His people..."
Matthew 1:21

ORDER OF HOLY WORSHIP

Prelude

Call to Worship

Praise

Prayer

Baptism

Reading of Scripture

Music of Adoration

The Preached Word

Invitational Hymn

Holy Communion

Benediction

"COME, SIT AT MY TABLE - MY DOOR IS OPEN WIDE..."

We are looking at the life of Jesus to see who he really was, and I noticed something interesting: he spent a lot of time around the dinner table. Many of His most frequently quoted messages and standout stories happened while sharing a meal with others. Also I noticed that His company around the table was a remarkably diverse cast. He shared meals with outcasts. He spent time with the self-righteous religious elite. He cared for people who had broken every rule and were seen as unclean. He dined at the tables of the wealthy, men whose riches were won with lies and corruption. He crossed over racial boundaries to eat with people who did not look like him. He invited everyone to the table. No exceptions and no expectations.

It was radical at the time. No one was that inclusive. The religious do-gooders began to whisper behind his back. They called him a friend of sinners. Like President Obama when others would use "Obama Care" as an insult, he reclaimed it and used it as a badge of honor, for yes, the president did care. Jesus was also ridiculed for hanging around sinners but he claimed it for Himself. And what do friends do? They eat dinner together and share in each other's lives.

Strangers eating together and becoming friends, that is what Jesus wants from us. As we partake in the Lord's supper, the communal meal, or Holy Communion what we must remember that it is His table, it is His meal that He is sharing with us - His broken body and shed blood. It is His. It is unfortunate that His name has been used not to bring us together, but to tear us apart. So let's sit at His table, no exceptions - together.

Sermon Title: **"It's All About Jesus"**

Sermon Text: **Matthew 1:21**

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-35

Sunday, October 2, 2022

10:45AM

56TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY FALL REVIVAL

OCTOBER 11TH-13TH @7:30PM NIGHTLY & OCTOBER 16TH @10:45AM

DR. WILLIAM H. MYERS, NEW MT. ZION BAPTIST – TUESDAY, OCT. 11TH

DR. DAVID A. COBB, EMMANUEL BAPTIST – WEDNESDAY, OCT 12TH

DR. LISA MAXINE GOODS, SHILOH BAPTIST – THURSDAY, OCT 13TH

REV. CORDELL FOUNTAIN, 1ST BAPTIST OF MIDLAND, PA – SUNDAY, OCT 16TH @10:45AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Wedding Bells are Ringing!** - You are cordially invited to the wedding of Roddreckis Harris and our own *Toryea Townsend*, daughter of Sis. Danita Amin. Friday, October 21, 2022 at 2:30pm in the afternoon.
- **2022 BIBLE STUDY HAS BEGUN** - Make sure you have your class schedule and blessings on your school year!
- **Teen Bible Study** – This 8-week session meets every Tuesday from 6PM -7PM. Please contact Sis. Toni Henderson at Mrshender61@yahoo.com if interested.
- **The USHERS MINISTRY** is in need of Adult and Youth (ages 12-17) Ushers. Please call the church office for additional information. Earl Young; Usher Ministry Lead
- **Prayer Meeting:** Each Thurs. from 6 PM—7 PM via conference call. Dial 978-990-5000 and use code 313013#.
- **Men's Small Group Bible Study:** Meets on Wednesday at 7pm via conference call. Dial 617 829 6654. .
- **Widows & Widowers Support Group:** Will meet the 2nd Wed, of each month at 1:00pm **in Horton Hall**. Masks are required and social distancing will be in place. All are welcome. Lead by Pastor Itherine Spencer.
- **NAMI Mental Health Support Group:** Meets every 3rd Saturday of the month between 10am to 12 pm. Contact Sis. Del Smith at smithdel83@yahoo.com for further information. .
- **Oasis Senior Adult Community:** 3rd Friday @ 12N via conference call. Dial 701-802-5283 and use access code 1929789#. Led by Bro. Bentley.
- **We received a "Card of Thanks":** from the family of Charles W. Priest. Please continue to keep this family as well as all families who have suffered loss in your prayers.

THE PRAYER LIST

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