

### 3 Things to Do

For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him. Luke 5:9-11

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### THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. Do you feel called to participate in the ministry of the Freedom Church? How do you know?
2. What is your ministry in the church? How does it help the church fulfill its mission?
3. Do you remember your call to discipleship? Who recommended Jesus to you? Did you have a personal experience with Jesus? Describe it.
4. Have you recommended Jesus to someone? Have any accepted your recommendation?

## Church Calendar

### CHURCH SCHOOL

SUNDAY 9:30 AM

### MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY 11:00 AM

### HOUR OR POWER BIBLE STUDY/ PRAYER MEETING

TUESDAY 12 'NOON /7:30 PM

### [EVENTS FOR AUGUST 2017](#)

*Saturday, 19th — Mass Meeting and Back to School Prayer Rally, St. Lucille A.M.E. Zion Church, 5100 Astor Place, S.E., Washington DC at 9:00am; Please see Marsha Clark to pay your dues of \$5.00.*

*Sunday, 20th — Scholarship Committee Back-to-School Celebration*

*Monday, 28th — Ministry Team Meeting, 7:30pm*

### [SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE: JULY—AUGUST 2017](#)

*Sunday School will begin at 8:30am*

*Service will begin at 10:00am*

## Church Announcements

### Peace Benediction in E<sup>b</sup>

By Darrell J. Gaskin

Please don't worry about anything  
But pray and ask God for everything  
you need

Always giving thanks  
And He'll give you peace for your heart  
and mind.

And the peace of God,  
which surpasses all understanding  
will keep your heart and mind  
In Christ Jesus, the Lord.

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PASTOR



**Shalom!**

*It's God's Plan for You!*

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Rev. Dr. Darrell J. Gaskin, Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Rita J. Colbert, Presiding Elder  
Rt. Rev. W. Darin Moore, Presiding Bishop

Next Week

Rev. Dr. William L. Ward

Have you ever sent or received an invitation?

1. Save the Date.
2. Formal Invitation.
3. RSVP.
4. Jesus has sent us an invitation. He has called us to participate in the Freedom Church.

Your Notes

## WHAT DID PASTOR GASKIN PREACH ABOUT TODAY?

The Call to Discipleship has three parts: 1) a recommendation, usually from a close friend or loved one, 2) a personal encounter with Christ where he feeds your soul and impacts your life in a meaningful way, and 3) a direct requests that demands a direct response (RSVP). We should respond like Peter and decide to move Christ's priorities to the top of our agenda and follow Him. This means making the work and mission of the Freedom Church a major part of our lives. We are not called just to be saved by His grace. We are called to be disciples and fishers of men.

*The Call for the Freedom Church Desire an RSVP  
Let's Say Yes Lord and Follow Him.*

I. Jesus sends a three-part invitation too. Let's look at Jesus' call to Peter to discipleship. (1 John 3:16-18)

II. Peter was introduced to Christ by Andrew, his brother. Instead of an impersonal save the date card, we get a recommendation from a close relative or friend. (John 1:35-42)

III. After meeting Jesus Christ, Peter had a personal experience with him. Jesus spoke to him and impacted his life. Peter was amazed. Everyone he calls has a similar experience. (Luke 5:1-11)

IV. Jesus says, Follow me and I will make you a fisher of men. He is looking for an RSVP. Peter answered by putting his business aside and following Christ. (Matthew 4:18-20)

V. How are you going to RSVP?  
\_\_\_Accept or \_\_\_Reject.

VI. Save the Date, i.e. Drop something for Christ. Move Christ work and ministry to the top of our agenda. Make the Freedom Church an important part of your life. Also, remember you can bring guests with you. Jesus welcomes guests.

## Words to Remember

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" him. Luke 5:1-8