

3 Things to Do

1. Read or listen to the Dr. King's 'I have a dream' speech.
2. Read or listen to the Declaration of Independence.
3. Meditate on Isaiah 40:3-5. Pray and ask God to give you a vision that brings the American creed to reality.

The Prophet's Dream

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. What does the American Creed of the equality of all men in the eyes of God mean? How should it impact you, your loved ones, your neighbors and strangers?
2. What does Dr. King's dream mean for us today? How do we move from dream to vision?
3. When we sing, "Let freedom ring!" and "Free at last!" What do we mean? Freedom from who? Freedom from what? Freedom to do what?

Church Calendar

CHURCH SCHOOL

SUNDAY 9:30 AM

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY 11:00 AM

HOUR OR POWER BIBLE STUDY/ PRAYER MEETING

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM

EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2018

Sunday, 21st — Mrs. Gaskin is requesting to meet with the Women's Day Committee following the Morning Service.

Sunday, 28th — Marie L. Clinton Day (Buds). Mrs. Georgia Thompson, our Past Missionary Supervisor, Mid-Atlantic II District will be our Buds Speaker.

Monday, 29th — 3rd Quarterly Conference, 7:00pm — Ministry Team Meeting will be held following the Quarterly Conference

EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday, 4th — Did You Know? Black History Facts presented by YACM

Saturday, 10th — 3rd Mass Meeting, Dues \$5; The District at Study; and Black History Presentations

Church Announcements

Peace Benediction in E^b 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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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

March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom

1. When? August 28, 1963.
2. Who? Organized by the Big Six.
3. Why? Desegregation, Constitutional Rights, and Jobs.
4. What? Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Your Notes

WHAT DID PASTOR GASKIN PREACH ABOUT TODAY?

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s most famous speech, "I have a dream" declares God's aspiration for our nation. God wants the United States of America to become a nation of equity, diversity, inclusion, and freedom, where we prefer character and integrity to tribalism and bigotry. God wants our nation to be a place where people are free to practice his commandment to love without the shackles of segregation, racism and bigotry. Let's move from dreaming the dream to seeing the vision where the American creed is reality.

God's desire for America

The Great Society of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Freedom

- I. Ten Speakers but Eleven Speeches.
- II. Mahalia Jackson said, "Tell'em about the 'Dream,' Martin." Then God spoke through Martin, "I have a dream."
- III. What is God's Dream for the United States of America? *Our nation would live up to its creed: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.* (Isaiah 40:3-5)
- IV. The prophet said, "I dream of diversity and inclusion."
- V. The prophet said, "I dream of a time where character not color will matter." America citizenship is about character not race, or any other tribalism.
- VI. The prophet said, "I dream of a place and time when freedom will ring." Freedom from what? The shackles of racism and bigotry. We will be free to show God's love to anyone and everyone.
- VII. One generation dreams another see visions. Let's move forward from Dream to Vision.

Words to Remember

A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken. Isaiah 40:3-5

And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Joel 2:28