

Our Mission

*Beth Shalom is a House of Peace.  
We worship the Lord,  
Reach out to Sinners,  
Teach Believers,  
Care for the Needy, and  
Encourage Each Other in the Lord.*

**CHURCH CALENDAR &  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Church School - Sunday 9:30am  
Worship Service - Sunday 11:00 am  
Prayer & Bible Study – Wednesday 7:30pm

**EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2018**

Saturday, 8th — *Cyber Check-Up Meeting, 9:30am; Location to be Announced*

Saturday, 15th — *Shredder Day. Starting at: 10:00am — Ending at: 1:00pm. Donation: \$10 – 3 Boxes*

Sunday, 16th — *The Congregation is ask to donate Socks and Undergarments for Men, Women and Children during the month of December.*

Monday, 17th — *Ministry Team Meeting, 7:30pm*

Sunday, 23rd — *Mortgage Sunday, Offering: \$100 — Church School Christmas Program, 1:00pm*

Tuesday, 25th — *Christmas Day, Offering \$20*

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

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 your understanding  
will keep your heart and mind  
in Christ Jesus the Lord.  
*(Adapted from Philippians 4:6,7  
Music by Darrell J. Gaskin)*

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Share your plans with the Lord and you will succeed. Proverb 16:3 (CEV)

**The 4 Attributes of  
God's Christmas Gift  
*Hope - the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Attribute***

**Beth Shalom  
AME Zion  
Church**

Rev. Dr. Darrell J. Gaskin, *Pastor*  
Rev. Dr. Evalina Huggins,  
*Presiding Elder*  
Rt. Rev. W. Darin Moore,  
*Presiding Bishop*  
Mrs. Devieta C. Moore,  
*Missionary Supervisor*

*A Compassionate Ministry*

## Hope – the 1<sup>st</sup> Attribute of God’s Christmas Gift

1. Why did God give us Christmas?
2. God announced the birth of Immanuel to King Ahaz to give him hope. Why? Ahaz’s enemies were coming to kill him and take his kingdom. (Is. 7:1-17)
3. God gave us Christmas to give us hope. (Matt. 1:18-23) Why, because we suffer and have enemies too.
4. We need hope when we face difficult situations. Our suffering produces perseverance, perseverance character, and character hope and hope reveals God’s grace toward us. (Rom. 5:3-5)
5. God’s grace is sufficient. It makes us strong. So, we should delight in your hardships. (2 Cor. 12:9)
6. Hope is the foundation of faith. When we express our hope in the Lord, we are living by faith. Join the “Cloud of witnesses” and God will induct you into the “Hall of Faith”. (Heb. 11:1-12:1)



### OUR BIBLICAL TEXT FOR TODAY

*10 Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, 11 "Ask the Lord your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights." 12 But Ahaz said, "I will not ask; I will not put the Lord to the test."*

*13 Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? 14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel. Isaiah 7:10-14*

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### Open God’s Gift of Hope.

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*And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. Romans 5:2b-5*

*9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. 2 Cor. 12:9*

*Our Prayer is that  
You Receive God’s Peace  
through*

**P – Powerful Preaching  
E – Excellent Teaching  
A – Awesome Praise and  
Worship  
C – Creative Ministry  
E – Engage, Exciting and  
Effervescent Fellowship.**

God’s Christmas gift to us has four attributes. The first attribute is Hope. In life we will face difficulties and hard times. We will have enemies rise up against us. There will be times when we will be afraid about an uncertain future. God sent Jesus Christ as a sign to give us Hope. He is Immanuel, meaning God is with us. God wants us to know we are never alone, and that he will never leave us alone. We are under his protection and provision. God allows us to endure hardship so that he can strengthen us through his grace. Therefore, we must put our hope in the Lord. Hope is the foundation of faith. After we have lived a life of faith, God will commend us and enshrine us in his Hall of Faith with other saints in the Great Cloud of Witnesses.

### WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH THIS MESSAGE

1. Consider those areas of your life where you are fearful. Give them to God and exercise hope in the Lord.
2. Find strength in God’s grace. Identify his power resting on you.
3. Remember God’s purpose is to make you stronger. Make sure you recognize the strength you’ve gained.