

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
 7:00pm

*Sunday, 15th — Christian
 Education Sunday*

S *Sunday, 22nd — Mission Sunday*
E *Sunday, 29th*
P *— Mortgage Day, Offering \$100*
T *— Combined 5th Sunday*
E *Service; Baltimore & Washington*
M *Districts @ Judah Temple AME*
B *Zion @ 3:30pm*
E
R

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

O *Saturday, 5th — We will be*
C *distributing **FREE FOOD** with our*
T *partners of the Hashem Ministry*
O *Mobile Food Pantry. Please join us*
B *from 10:00am — 1:00pm.*
E *Volunteers, please arrive at 8:30am*
R *for setup.*

Peace Benediction in E^b

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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*Pressing toward the Mark, Reaching Our Potential.
 Phil 3:14 (KJV)*

**Lessons from the Life and
 Times of Elisha the Prophet**
No False Hope

**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

God will not give you false hope.

1. Have you ever had false hope?
2. Elisha wanted to do something wonderful for the Shunammite woman. Her response to him was “Don’t mislead your servant.”
3. The woman gave birth to a son, but as he grew up, he suddenly died. She told Elisha, “Didn’t I tell you, don’t raise my hopes!”
4. God knows that false hope can lead us to bitter distress. Proverb 13:12
5. Be like the Shunammite woman and go to the one who raised your hopes!
 - a. Go immediately to Him!
 - b. Go directly to Him!
 - c. Go in faith to Him!
 - d. Go take hold of His feet!
6. The Lord will reward your faith, honor your hope, and give you what he promised.
7. Elisha took extraordinary measures to raise her son from the dead; first, he tried with his staff and then with his own body. Won’t He do it!



OUR BIBLICAL TEXT FOR TODAY

¹⁴ “What can be done for her?” Elisha asked. Gehazi said, “She has no son, and her husband is old.” ¹⁵ Then Elisha said, “Call her.” So he called her, and she stood in the doorway. ¹⁶ “About this time next year,” Elisha said, “you will hold a son in your arms.” **“No, my lord!” she objected. “Please, man of God, don’t mislead your servant!”** ¹⁷ But the woman became pregnant, and the next year about that same time she gave birth to a son, just as Elisha had told her.

¹⁸ The child grew, and one day he went out to his father, who was with the reapers. ¹⁹ He said to his father, “My head! My head!” His father told a servant, “Carry him to his mother.” ²⁰ After the servant had lifted him up and carried him to his mother, the boy sat on her lap until noon, and then he died. ²¹ She went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, then shut the door and went out. ²² She called her husband and said, **“Please send me one of the servants and a donkey so I can go to the man of God quickly and return.”** ²³ “Why go to him today?” he asked. “It’s not the New Moon or the Sabbath.” “That’s all right,” she said.

²⁴ She saddled the donkey and said to her servant, “Lead on; don’t slow down for me unless I tell you.” ²⁵ So she set out and came to the man of God at Mount Carmel. When he saw her in the distance, the man of God said to his servant Gehazi, “Look! There’s the Shunammite!” ²⁶ Run to meet her and ask her, ‘Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is your child all right?’

Our Prayer is that

You Receive God’s Peace through

P – Powerful Preaching

E – Excellent Teaching

A – Awesome Praise & Worship

C – Creative Ministry

E – Engage, Exciting &

Effervescent Fellowship.

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“Everything is all right,” she said. ²⁷ **When she reached the man of God at the mountain, she took hold of his feet.** Gehazi came over to push her away, but the man of God said, “Leave her alone! **She is in bitter distress,** but the Lord has hidden it from me and has not told me why.” ²⁸ **“Did I ask you for a son, my lord?” she said. “Didn’t I tell you, ‘Don’t raise my hopes?’”** 2 Kings 4:14-28, NIV

What did Pastor Gaskin Preach About?

God will never give you false hope. He will not make a promise to you only to break it. He will not let time and chance break his promise to you. If you experience the bitter distress of a broken promise from God. Don’t wallow in bitterness and distress. Don’t resign yourself to failure. Instead, follow the example of the Shunammite woman. Go immediately to the Lord. Go directly to Him. Go in faith to Him. Humbly take hold of Him. In prayer remind Him that your hope is in Him. Then watch Him show you that He never breaks His promises. And even if your hope has died, watch him use his resurrection power to bring hope back to life. Watch him do the extraordinary on your behalf to keep his promise of hope to you.