

## 3 Things to Do

1. Read 1 Kings 22:1-40 and 2 Kings 9:30-10:17.
2. Pray for those officials in our government who are responsible for protecting the vulnerable. Pray that they will use their power and positions wisely.
3. Pray for the vulnerable in our society that God will protect them.

When Ahab was king:  
whose blood will pay  
the price?

## THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. Why was God angry with Ahab and Jezebel? What evil did they do to Naboth?
2. What did God promise to do to Ahab's family? Why did this punishment fit their crime? Why was the whole family punished?
3. Does God still punish people who abuse their power and position today? Give examples.

# 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 MARCH 2018

*TODAY — Stay and hear about “The Beth Shalom Experience: Embracing the New Beginnings of a Compassionate Ministry” following the Worship Service*

*Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> — Men & Young Men’s Breakfast at 9:00 – 11:00am, ages 14 & up. Donation \$10*

*Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> — Beth Shalom Day, Offering \$200 \* Bishop Louis Hunter, Sr., the 93rd Bishop in Succession will be our Preacher for the Morning Worship Service \* Lunch will be served after the Morning Service \* Evening Service at 3:00pm with Rev. Benjamin Bussie & Rev. Duane Miller*

*Thursday, 22nd — Washington District Summit Opening with Men’s Prayer Service at Union Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church*

# 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



## Embrace the New Beginning of Compassionate Ministry!

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## Public policies should not hurt the vulnerable

1. Cuts to health programs that benefit the poor.
2. Cuts to housing programs.
3. Cuts to immigrations from war torn places.
4. Raids on families of undocumented persons.
5. Guns in schools.
6. A \$1.5 trillion deficit that the poor will pay for by reductions in services.

Your Notes

## WHAT DID PASTOR GASKIN PREACH ABOUT TODAY?

When public policymakers continues to put the needs of the vulnerable in jeopardy; when the powerful make themselves better off by taking from the poor and needy; the Lord becomes angry. Be sure his judgment will come because he has vowed to take up the cause of the vulnerable. Leaders should be careful to use their position and power to protect the “least of these” in our society. God will reward this public policy on earth and in heaven. Those who don’t but rather ignore the concerns of the poor or even worse cause the poor’s pain do so at their own peril. God will repay the powerful for harming our vulnerable brothers and sisters.

*God is Angry When Public Policy Hurts the Vulnerable  
He will punish according to the offense.*

1. King Ahab was selfish and unethical leader. (1 Kings 21:1-4)
2. Queen Jezebel was evil and unscrupulous advisor. (1 Kings 21:5-10)
3. The People of Jezreel were corruptible. (1 Kings 21:11-14)
4. Naboth was innocent and victimized. (1 Kings 21:3)
5. The Lord was angry with Ahab and promised to repay him and his family for the death of Naboth and theft of his land. (2 Kings:17-24)
6. There are a few lessons from this story.
  - A. *The Lord cares about the poor and vulnerable so you should too.*
  - B. *The Lord does not stand by watching while leaders abuse their power and position.*
  - C. *Their punishment will fit the crime. Someone’s blood will be required for these societal sins.*
7. Thank God for the Blood of Jesus. His blood is able to cover our sins. It can cover even the worst sinner’s transgression if they are willing to repent.

## Words to Remember

At this time the Lord spoke his word to the prophet Elijah the Tishbite. The Lord said, “Go to Ahab king of Israel in Samaria. He is at Naboth’s vineyard, where he has gone to take it as his own. Tell Ahab that I, the Lord, say to him, “You have murdered Naboth and taken his land. So I tell you this: In the same place the dogs licked up Naboth’s blood, they will also lick up your blood!” When Ahab saw Elijah, he said, “So you have found me, my enemy!” Elijah answered, Yes, I have found you. You have always chosen to do what the Lord says is wrong. So the Lord says to you, “I will soon destroy you. I will kill you and every male in your family, both slave and free. Your family will be like the family of King Jeroboam son of Nebat and like the family of King Baasha son of Ahijah. I will destroy you, because you have made me angry, and have led the people of Israel to sin. And the Lord also says, Dogs will eat the body of Jezebel in the city of Jezreel. Anyone if your family who dies in the city will be eaten by dogs, and anyone who dies in the fields will be eaten by birds.” (1 Kings 21:17-24 NCV)