

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

*Sunday, 23rd — Mortgage Sunday,
Offering: \$100*

*— Church School Christmas
Program, 1:00pm*

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

*Sunday, 30th — Please submit your 3rd
Quarter Conference Reports to Kim
Elliott*

*Monday, 31st — Watch Night
Celebration, Mrs. Gaskin and the
YAMS will plan the Event starting at
6:00pm*

— New Year's Eve, Offering: \$20

EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2019

Tuesday, 1st — New Year's Day

*Monday, 7th—Friday, 11th —
Spiritual Emphasis Week*

*Sunday, 13th — Victoria
Richardson Day (Ys)*

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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**BETH SHALOM AME ZION
CHURCH**

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Church**

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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 *Love – the 4th 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

Love – the 4th Attribute of God's Christmas Gift

1. Meet Simeon a righteous and devout man of God. God promised him that he would see the Messiah before he died.
2. Now we know that God loves us. Why? Because He has given us Jesus, His only begotten Son.
3. Jesus is the Consolation of Israel - the blessing that makes up for our suffering.
4. Jesus is our Salvation.
5. Jesus is our Light of Revelation.
6. Jesus is the Glory of Israel
7. Jesus is the Denied Stone, he causes the falling and rising of many.
8. Jesus reveals the thoughts of our hearts, so ponder this in your heart.
9. Open the Gift of Christ. This gift contains Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love for you.



OUR BIBLICAL TEXT FOR TODAY

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: ²⁹ "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. ³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel." ³³ The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too." Luke 2:25-35 NIV

God's Gift of Love is for Everyone

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 NIV

*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 three of hope, peace, and joy. The fourth attribute is love. Hear the words of encouragement Simeon, the righteous, shared with us. Jesus proves God loves us. He is our consolation, salvation, light and glory. He comforts us when we are in pain. He prevents our demise when our enemies come. He brings us out of darkness when we are lost and confused. He gives us victory in every situation. Note: There will be those who will reject Jesus and won't accept God's love. Those persons are destined to eventually fail. However, to everyone who receives God's love through Jesus, they will rise with Him, share in his glory. Ponder this in your heart. Open God's Christmas gift of hope, peace, joy and love.

WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH THIS MESSAGE

1. Ponder in your heart the love of God, which is Christ Jesus.
2. Don't let your pride cause you to fall; humble yourself and Jesus will lift you up.
3. Receive God's gift of hope, peace, joy and love for Christmas.