As we remember the Day of Pentecost, try to answer questions below before checking the church website for correct Bible reference points, http://abyssinian.org/ministry/christian-education/abyssinian-institute-for-christian-education/. Stay intentional about taking time to center yourself, as you read the entire chapter where the answers are found.

1) On the day of Pentecost, when the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit, what did they begin to do?
2) Who delivered a sermon to those gathered at the day of Pentecost?
3) What were those gathered told would be the gift received by those who repented and were baptized?
4) How many were baptized on the day of Pentecost?

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Worship Service
June 11, 2017
Babies Blessed 9:00 AM
Joint Board Annual Sermon 11:30 AM

64th ANNUAL SERMON

The Abyssinian Baptist Church Deacon, Deaconess & Trustee Boards

Prelude
9:00 AM
11:30 AM Victor Simonson, Organist

Variations on “Holy, Holy, Holy” arr. V. Simonson

Call to Worship
Deaconess Kimberly Vinson
Leader: A charge to keep we have, a God to glorify.
People: We carry the precious Gospel around in the earthen vessels of our ordinary lives.
Leader: To serve this present age, our calling to fulfill.
People: God calls us to use our gifts and talents to bless others.
Leader: O may it all my powers engage, to do my Master’s will.
All: In this hour of worship, we recommit our hands, heads, and hearts to building the beloved community of God here on earth as it is in Heaven. Amen

The Lord’s Prayer
Processional “All Hail The Power of Jesus’ Name” #293
Invocation and Chant Deacon Major Keels
Responsive Reading “Urban Ministry” #78 Trustee Patricia Proctor
Gloria Patri

Babies Blessed

Memorial Prayer, Candle, Flowers & Spoken Words Deaconess Beryl S. Jeffers
On this day of recognition, the Abyssinian 64th Joint Board Anniversary Committee pays tribute to our departed Deaconate and Trustee Board members:
Deacon Anthony Nolen, Sr., Deacon Estelle Noble and Trustee Joe D. Garner, Jr.
Candles & Flowers Deacon Leroy Charles, Deacon Herbert Proctor, Trustee Lillie R. May, Trustee Kevin Thomas

Anthem
9:00 AM
11:30 AM The United Voices of Abyssinian “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arr. Mack Wilberg

Pastoral Emphasis & Guest Recognition

Presentations
Deacon Gerald Barbour Deaconess Eleanor E. Olive
Trustee Alexis E. Thomas

Points to Note

Scripture Deacon Jerome Yeiser

Introduction of Guest Preacher

Meditation
9:00 AM
11:30 AM The United Voices of Abyssinian “Even Me” arr. Michael Reid
Soloist: Jeryl Cunningham-Flemming, Soprano

Sermon and Invitation
9:00 AM
11:30 AM Reverend Geraldine Harris Pastor, Greater File Chapel Baptist Church

Offertory Selections
9:00 AM
11:30 AM The United Voices of Abyssinian “O How Precious” Myrna Summers
Soloist: Eunice Newark

Doxology

Offertory Prayer Deaconess Avis P. Yeiser

Recessional “I Am Thine” #387

Benediction and Amen Deaconess Karyn Davenport

Postlude Toccata on “To God Be the Glory” arr. V. Simonson

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:
The Abyssinian Baptist Church Deacon, Deaconess and Trustee Boards extend a sincere welcome and appreciation for your support of our 64th Annual Sermon celebration. We observe this special occasion of preaching and high spirited fellowship with the theme, “Sing Anyway” (Psalm 137:4) recognizing that we have much to sing and praise God for.

As respective leaders of the Deacon, Deaconess, and Trustee Boards, we continue to render service in the church of Jesus Christ for God’s people. We are truly beneficiaries of a great legacy demanding sacrifice and serious commitment.

We also thank the 2017 Sermon Committee, under the leadership of Trustee Lillie May, for its tireless work in executing this celebration with excellence, and we express heartfelt gratitude to our Pastor, Reverend Dr. Calvin O. Butts III, for his faith in our leadership. We are not able to lead and inspire this great institution if it were not for the dedication of the Joint Board members, and we thank them for allowing us to serve as their Chairs.

It is our solemn obligation to serve faithfully at all times to the best of our abilities, and we pray the Lord will guide us in so doing.

Yours in Christ,

Deacon Gerald Barbour Deaconess Eleanor E. Olive
Chair, The Deacon Board Chair, The Deaconess Board

Trustee Alexis E. Thomas Chair, The Trustee Board

REVEREND GERALDINE LORRAINE HARRIS
Pastor, Greater File Chapel Baptist Church

Born in Charlotte, N.C., and raised in Springfield Gardens and Great Neck, New York, Reverend Geraldine Lorraine Harris is Pastor of Greater File Chapel Baptist Church in Manhattan, New York, which was organized by its former pastor, Reverend Dr. Jasper Simmons.

A retired private and New York City Public School teacher, Reverend Harris attended school in Charlotte, N.C. until age 13, and continued her education through High School in New York City. She received her Masters of Theology Degree, as well as a Certificate in Christian Education from New York Theological Seminary; a Master of Science Degree from Fordham University; a Bachelor of Science Degree from New York University; an Administration Certificate from the College of Saint Rose; as well as Advanced Certificates from The New York School of the Bible.

The former Volunteer Chaplain and Advocate for Senior Citizens, Reverend Harris currently serves as Assistant Recording Secretary for the Baptist Ministers’ Conference of Greater New York and Vicinity, and the United Missionary Baptist Association.

Reverend Harris’ life motto is rooted in Psalm 119:133, “Order my steps in Your Word.”

SERMON NOTES

Make personal notes while listening to the Word of God

Date:

Sermoon Title:

Biblical Text:

Points to Note: